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Germans Advancing In Nettuno Bridgehead

—BERLIN REPORT

GERMAN Radio last night claimed an advance in the Nettuno bridgehead, and Rome Radio later stated that "the Germans are preparing a knock-out blow against the Americans and British" in this sector.

Reuter's Special Correspondent at Allied Headquarters reports that German tanks in Cisterna have been attacked by Allied bombers.

Berlin radio stated: "The German lines in the Nettuno bridgehead were brought forward at several places after German attacks at Aprilia and Cisterna against stubborn Anglo-American resistance. Neither enemy naval guns, which supported the Allies' defence with concentrated fire, nor extensive minefields could prevent our troops from reaching their objectives."

Rome radio said: "The enemy's position has now been hemmed into a space twelve miles in length by six in depth. In the past few hours the Germans have advanced several more miles. The battle goes on, but along the entire front the enemy is on the defensive."

A late Rome radio message stated: "In spite of desperate resistance, General Alexander's troops in the Nettuno bridgehead were overcome and forced back several miles towards the sea. During the day about one thousand prisoners were captured."

German tanks hidden in houses in Cisterna for the opening of Marshal Kesselring's all-out counter-offensive in the Anzio bridgehead have been attacked in a double punch by Allied bombers, according to Reuter's Special Correspondent. Striking ahead of the American forces, the first wave of bombers completely levelled a large part of the town with many tons of bombs. A second wave went out in the afternoon to finish off the job.

The Allies consolidated their positions.

In the Cassino sector powerful reserve batteries of American artillery are now attacking the German positions in a determined attempt to smash open Italy's toughest mile. For 144 hours day and night without halt, the titanic close-range struggle for the town and the crest of Abbey Hill above it has continued. Marshal Kesselring's men are fighting with a fury and tenacity unparalleled in the whole campaign.

Both in the streets of Cassino and on the hilltop the Americans have made slight advances, but the major portion of the town and of the hill crest remain in German hands.

In the lower Garigliano sector the British have recorded a mile advance in their bridgehead, and are thrusting into the mountains north-east of Castleforte.

Allied warships are keeping up the bombardment of the Formia area, just ahead of the British spearhead, and air support is on a quite substantial scale.

New York Radio said yesterday, according to Reuter—"An official spokesman at Algiers this afternoon stated: 'Massed German artillery has opened up a terrific barrage in the Anzio invasion area. The British end of the Allied line bore the main brunt of the bombardment, but everywhere our positions are holding firm, and no vital ground has been lost.'"

BERLIN'S LONG-TERM POLICY

MARTIN HALLENSLEBEN, the German military commentator, said last night that the Germans have been pursuing a long-term policy to keep all existing and possible theatres of war in mind and keep the requisite number of divisions in readiness.

"One may state," he says, "that the German rear in the East is as strongly provided as the coastal areas of Norway, Denmark, Holland, Belgium, France, as well as the North Italian and Balkan areas.

"One has the impression that the Germans have here marched up in force, dwarfing all that was experienced in the winter of 1939-1940 or early in summer, 1941.

"One does not err if one supposes, in considering the general situation on all battlefields, that a wait-and-see policy means an improvement of the German position.

"The moment seems to have come nearer when the command will be able to draw on the abundance of stored energies. To be strong in the decisive moment is a demand which rules all German measures. This can be seen in the way in which the Germans have reacted at Aprilia (Carroceto)—a reaction which has been the result of the British and American Fabian tactics.

"Now it is Kesselring who has the say where the battle is to be joined. If the Nettuno action was meant to be a dress rehearsal of the Allied grand offensive, then the course it has taken does not seem to be very encouraging. It remains to be seen whether the present German action against the bridgehead is a local thrust limited to the Aprilia area."—(Reuter.)

Spain Freed Only One Ship

Marshal Badoglio, in an official communiqué, broadcast last night by Bari Radio, on the 14 Italian ships detained in Spanish ports, said that only one vessel has so far been released.

"Last December," the communiqué stated, "14 Italian ships were in Spanish waters. Spain agreed to release all the vessels, except two that were to be kept by Spain as compensation for the Spanish ships sunk by the Italians. The two ships were only to be retained by Spain if the sinking of the Spanish ships was confirmed. Later the Spanish Government informed the Italian Government that the two ships were to be unconditionally retained, and were to be requisitioned. Only one ship, however, has been released."—(Reuter.)

Italian King: Query In Commons

In the British House of Commons Mr. Ivor Thomas (Lab.) asked the Foreign Secretary whether he has studied the unanimous demand of the recent congress of democratic parties at Bari for the abdication of King Victor Emmanuel, and whether he would represent to the King of Italy the desirability, in the interests of his country, of abdicating in favour of his grandson, pending an ultimate decision by the Italian people between the republican and monarchial forms of government.

Mr. Eden—The answer to the first part of the question is in the affirmative, and the second part is not one which I am prepared to consider while the battle for Rome is still raging.

SMALL PROFIT ON TOBACCO SALES

CONTRAST between the profits, ranging from 8 per cent. to 16 per cent., allowed to retail tobacconists and those being made by the drapery and other trades, was made by Mr. R. S. Motyer, the outgoing President, at the annual meeting of the Dublin and Provincial Retail Tobacconists' Association held last night in Jury's Hotel. The retail tobacconists, he said, were compelled to work on a small margin of profit, while in other trades there was no such restriction, and while workers were being allowed bonuses to meet the increased cost of living. Anyone in the country who could wave a big stick at the Government got increases, but the retail tobacconists, who had no big stick, got nothing. He could not understand why the Government found it necessary to fix such a small margin of profit for tobacco and allow such a big margin of profit for clothes.

Mr. Arthur Cahill, who was elected President for the coming year, said that they would not succeed in getting their profit margin increased unless they launched a vigorous campaign, backed by an emergency campaign fund.

Mr. J. F. Bridgeman said he believed there would be an increase in tobacco duty at the next Budget. The Government needed more money, and as the Minister for Finance had once interfered to tobacco as if he would touch the old lady again. If that did happen they should take the opportunity of trying to have their profit margin increased.

MINISTER'S POST-WAR PLANS WELCOMED

MR. LEMASS'S speech on Tuesday continued to be the subject of appreciative comment among Irish industrial leaders yesterday.

Among the points in his speech which were most welcomed were those in which he hinted at credit facilities for the export trade, and at a tightening-up of the regulations under which outside concerns were allowed to form branch companies in Ireland. The Federation had pointed out to the Minister in 1939 the facilities made available for English exporters by the British Board of Trade. They could obtain first-class reports on any foreign market in which they were interested; its tariffs, packing and marketing regulations, etc.

The Federation had decided that there should be a special board set up to assist the export trade, and they were making a survey which would elaborate the suggestions they had already made.

IRISH CONTROLLED

Irish manufacturers took the view that, where possible, all new industries should be genuinely Irish-controlled in capital and management. They accepted the Minister's policy as expressed in the Act of 1934, whereby he would grant licences for new type of industries in which two-thirds of the capital was not Irish, which required highly technical skill, and where no Irish group had put forward satisfactory proposals.

During the 1933-38 period a number of foreign firms making branded products in competition with Irish firms whose branded products were sold only on the Irish market had established branches here. These firms evaded the spirit of the Control of Manufacturers Act. They established an Irish company with the requisite two-thirds of the capital Irish-owned, but in some cases the capital of the Irish offshoot was obviously too small, the parent foreign concern providing the necessary capital by bank overdrafts or long-term credit facilities for raw materials.

These firms had an advantage also in that their branded products were advertised in Irish newspapers and in English newspapers circulating in Ireland, and the trade mark of the foreign concern was assigned to the small Irish company. The Minister declared that he intended to present amending legislation which would prevent branches of foreign concerns operating here, except when it was in the national interest.

Bran Retailers Seek Better Prices

Retailers of bran and pollard have told the Department of Supplies that they cannot continue to handle these commodities unless the profit margin is increased.

The present wholesale price is 17s. 6d. per cwt., and the retail figure is 18s. 6d. A deputation from the Retailers' Association went to the Department yesterday and explained that the retailers had to pay, in addition to the cost price, an average of 3d. per cwt. for delivery from the nearest station to their premises, and that a margin of 9d. failed to take into account the cost of labour, bookkeeping, wastage, and the risk of loss or damaged sacks, which each cost 5s. When sold in small quantities, it was pointed out, the cost of large paper bags had to be added. The pre-war profit on bran and pollard was three times the present margin on a much smaller initial cost.

Members of the trade say that it will be impossible to go on selling the commodities if the price scales are not revised.

4,000 Dead—The German News Agency last night quoted an official Turkish total of casualties in the recent earthquake, giving the dead as 4,722, with 3,739 injured, with 9,927 houses destroyed and 810,645 damaged.—(Reuter.)

A general view at the start of the National Ploughing Championships yesterday at Ballinaslee.

British Bombing to Last Until Victory

—LORD CRANBORNE

BRITAIN'S bombing policy is to continue with even more crushing effects until final victory is won, Viscount Cranborne declared in the House of Lords yesterday, in reply to criticisms by the Bishop of Chichester and by Archbishop Lord Lang of the devastation caused by bombing raids on German towns and cities.

The Bishop of Chichester (Dr. G. K. A Bell) said he desired to challenge the Government on the policy which directed bombing of Axis towns on the present scale, especially with reference to civilian non-combatants and non-military and non-industrial objectives.

"It is clear," he said, "that large-scale bombing was begun by the Germans. I do not argue that. The question I am concerned with is: Does the Government understand the full force of what aerial area bombardment is doing and is destroying now?

BERLIN'S RUINS

"I fully realise that in the attacks on centres of war industry and transport the killing of civilians, when it is the result of *bona fide* military activity, is inevitable. But there must be a fair balance between the means employed and the purpose achieved. To obliterate a whole town because certain portions contain military and industrial establishments is to reject that balance."

The blame simply must not fall on those who are professing to create a better world. The resentment which would inevitably follow would be too deep-seated to be forgotten."

Viscount Fitzalan, demurring against most of what the Bishop had said, declared, amid laughter: "I am an out-and-out bomber. I strongly support all the bombing action taken against Germany, and I hope there will be more to come."

The Viscount, who is a Catholic, supported the plea for Rome's immunity.

Archbishop Lord Lang accepted the bombing of civilians and monuments of culture as regrettably inevitable often in the legitimate bombing of military targets. "We were told that their policy was to limit attacks to definite military objectives or their immediate neighbourhood, and not directly and purposelessly to involve the destruction of the lives and homes of the people. I do not think that it can be said that that policy has been adhered to in these apparently deliberate attempts to destroy whole cities."

GOVERNMENT REPLY

Viscount Cranborne, replying for the Government, said that, if the Bishop asked for some assurance that the purpose of these intensive attacks on German cities was to hamper and, if possible, to bring to a standstill enemy war production and not merely to sprinkle bombs broadcast with the object of damaging ancient monuments and spreading terror among the civilian population, he was happy and ready to give that assurance.

"The R.A.F. has never indulged in pure terror raids, nor did we start raids on enemy cities. It is certainly not the Government's intention to drop bombs in the precincts of Vatican City, nor, if it can be avoided, on the City of Rome.

"But at the same time it is right that he and we should face the hard facts frankly—I do not think he was facing them this afternoon.

"While, therefore, I deeply respect the high motives that have inspired the bishop, and, while I was very glad to give the general assurance which I gave in the earlier part of my speech, I cannot give him any hope that we shall abate our bombing policy. On the contrary, we shall continue it against proper and suitable targets in increasing power and with more crushing effect until final victory is secure."

The motion was withdrawn.

Cork Doctors' Protest

"THE difficulty seems to be that the hospitals entered into an agreement without consulting the doctors." This was stated by a medical authority to a reporter regarding the trouble that has arisen in Cork, where the medical staffs of the hospitals have decided to refuse treatment to patients admitted under the agreement with the National Health Insurance Committee. A similar difficulty had arisen in Dublin, it was pointed out, but it was solved.

Divergent views were expressed regarding the possibility of a settlement before March 1st, when the decision of the doctors comes into force. While it was stated that Cork doctors were not likely to compromise, the view also was expressed that an adjustment of the trouble was very likely.

The scheme, which was described by a trade union official "as a gesture towards the nationalisation of hospital treatment," provides for the payment of two guineas a week to the hospitals for the treatment in public wards of insured persons. It is not concerned with the payment of medical fees.

About 600,000 persons come under the scheme.

Limerick Gas Retort Repairs

The inquiry into the administration of Limerick Gas Works continued yesterday, when the gas engineer, Mr. F. K. Thomas, was questioned by the Inspector, Mr. T. C. Courtenay, on technical matters.

He said that he made a report to the City Manager in 1941, recommending a new setting of six five-ton retorts, and ultimately twelve, and his estimate of the cost, £37,000, was not based on official tenders. He also said that he was not consulted when certain repairs to the retorts were carried out last summer. The inquiry was adjourned till this morning.

Charges Against Labour Party

A statement by the Labour Party concerning the split brought about by the disaffiliation of the Irish Transport Workers' Union will be made to-morrow. As forecast in the *Irish Times* last Monday, it will deal, inter alia, with the charges of Communism.

The Thurles branch of the Labour Party has pledged support to the Administrative Council, and calls on all Labour deputies to end the present dispute and unite as one party in the Dail.

Catholic Action Director

The Pope has appointed the Rev. Fr. Gina Grivini, a missionary of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, as Director *ad interim* of the Central Office of the Italian Catholic Action, according to the *Osservatore Romano*, quoted by Vatican Radio.

Catholic Action is, broadly speaking, an organisation for the defence of the Church and its doctrines, and to further the application of these to the problems of the day, composed of Catholic laity in all countries, co-operating with the clergy.—(Reuter.)

Dairy Congress Calls for Bold Land Policy

DURING a debate on steps that should be taken to stop the decline in milk and butter production at yesterday's Congress of the Irish Dairy Shorthorn Breeders' Association in Mallow,

Mr. P. Horan, Kerry, declared that farmers there were prepared to fight if any attempt was made to reduce the milk price next April.

Mr. T. Ludgate, Ballyclough, said that dairying must be organised side by side with tillage.

Mr. Eugene Daly suggested a drink-more-milk campaign by the State. The scheme for improving dairying cattle should be brought into line with the requirements of the dairy industry.

Mr. P. Mahony, T.D., urged that, in the event of failure to obtain an economic price, the milk producers should hold up supplies to the creameries, and even pour it into the shores, until they got the price they were entitled to.

Mr. P. F. Quinlan, Glanworth, said that the first great step in improving the dairying industry would be to secure co-operative control of all creameries. The question was referred to the National Dairy Conference, representing fourteen organisations, to be convened soon.

Congress unanimously opposed the transport monopoly.

Cheers punctuated the speech of Mr. T. J. McElligott, Leixlip, Co. Kildare, who moved a resolution calling for a bold land policy to retain and conserve fertility. He said that the causes were not of recent origin. If Ireland would prosper, finance must be controlled. Charity and doles were too prevalent. Why not use the refuse of towns for manuring. Co operation was the only solution of their economic problems. Afforestation should be developed for the improvement of agriculture. There had been a call for half a million pounds to help the early treatment of T.B. and 100,000 tons of potatoes, value a million pounds, for distressed Europe. He would urge an attack instead on the root causes of tuberculosis—starvation and bad housing.

Mr. D. Cronin, Aherla, supported the resolution, which was passed.

Mr. D. C. Maher, President-elect, was in the chair.

Mr. P. Halliden, T.D., was re-elected secretary, and Mr. W. O'Callaghan treasurer. Mr. MacLysaght was elected Vice-President.

New University Professor

On the recommendation of the University Council, the Board of Trinity College has appointed Mr. T. S. Broderick, F.T.C.D., to be Erasmus Smith's Professor of Mathematics. Mr. Broderick, like his predecessor, the late Professor C. H. Rowe, F.T.C.D., had a distinguished career at University College, Cork, before coming to Trinity College. He was elected Fellow of Trinity in 1930, and has been Donegal Lecturer in Mathematics since then.

The Chair—one of the oldest in the University of Dublin—was founded in 1762.

Russians Launch New Attack Against Manstein's Flank

A BERLIN military spokesman last night stated that the Russians are now threatening the Germans' River Bug defences south of Byelaya Tserkov.

Moscow does not mention this sector, but reports continued progress on other fronts.

Describing the new Russian attacks against the eastern flank of Marshal von Manstein's Bug defences, the Berlin military spokesman, quoted by the German News Agency, said, according to Reuter: "Bitter fighting has developed south of Byelaya Tserkov, where the Russian Command has brought up three new tank brigades and several fresh infantry divisions in a bid to tear open the flank of the German defensive front. The German troops prevented a breakthrough."

Another German spokesman, also quoted by Reuter, said that these new attacks against the eastern flank of von Manstein's Bug defences have reached a climax.

The Soviet communiqué stated: "North of Zvenigorodka and Shpola our troops continued to wage battles for the annihilation of the encircled enemy, and, in the process of contracting the ring, occupied the town of Gorodishche. West of Apostolvo our troops fought their way forward, and occupied more than 40 inhabited localities. North-west and west of Nikopol our troops occupied the district centre of Dnepropetrovsk region of Chkalovo and a number of inhabited localities, including Alexeevka and Pokrovskoye and two railway stations."

Vichy radio said last night: "The German withdrawal from the Dnieper salient has started." (Reuter.)

Progress was also reported in the Luga direction, the district centre of the Leningrad region, Oredezh, a large railway station, and over 30 other inhabited localities being occupied. West and south-west of Novgorod counter-attacks were repelled, and a number of inhabited localities occupied. One of them, Oredezh, is on the southern bank of the river of that name, and is 18 miles north-east of Luga.

The Russian victory at Nikopol has completed the disorganisation of the German Ukraine positions, and introduced a fundamental change in the situation on the whole southern front, according to the Soviet commentator, Colonel Nikolai Akimov. Quoted by Reuter, he said: "In the past ten days 29 German divisions have either been destroyed, encircled or defeated with heavy losses. Seven divisions (three of them tank units) were routed in the initial breakthrough towards Nikopol; another five were cut off and wiped out in the next phase of the fighting; and seven more were smashed up in the Nikopol bridgehead. On the Baltic front a third trap seems about to close on a beaten German force—this time on Marshal von Lindemann's routed divisions at Luga."

More U-boats Sunk

The year 1944 has opened with a very satisfactory first month for the Allies in their continued campaign against the U-boat, says a joint statement on U-boat warfare in January, issued under the authority of President Roosevelt and Mr. Churchill.

"In spite of the limited opportunities to attack U-boats, owing to the extreme caution now exercised by them, more were destroyed in January than in December," says the statement. "This has been accomplished by unrelenting offensive action by our surface and air forces.

"The amount of merchant ship tonnage sunk by U-boats during January is among the lowest monthly figures for the whole war. The German claims should, as usual, be ignored, as they are grossly exaggerated, and issued purely for propaganda purposes."—(P.A.)

Kuril Islands Landing

Vichy Radio last night repeated an earlier statement that an American expeditionary force had landed on the Kuril Islands, north of the Japanese mainland, but added that this report had not been officially confirmed from Tokyo.—(Reuter.)

American "Fascist" Warning

Mr. Henry Wallace, the United States Vice-President, last night declared that the American people must keep the "hard-headed business man" of the past from leading the world astray after this war. He said that only by planning now for after the war could the nation prevent the American "Fascist" from taking over.

"When I refer to American Fascists," he said, "I mean those who believe that Wall street comes first and the country second, and who are willing to go to any length to keep Wall street safely on top of the country."

"One of the best ways to make sure that there will not be another war," he said, "is to build up in all the peaceful countries such large supplies of the materials of which each is short that no friendly nation will ever be caught helpless by sudden attack.

"The big job is to supply to 135,000,000 Americans a living standard, at least 40 per cent. higher than it was prior to the war," said Mr. Wallace.

Mr. Wallace also suggested that the United States could improve its business system of learning from Russia methods of giving workers more incentive and more profit.—(A.P. and Reuter.)

New Ambassadors

British Legations at Teheran, Mexico City and Lima have been raised to Embassies. Sir Reader Bullard, Mr. C. H. Bateman and Mr. Courtenay Forbes are to be the first British Ambassadors to Iran, Mexico and Peru, respectively. Iranian, Mexican and Peruvian Ambassadors will shortly be accredited to the Court of St. James.

Aero-Engine Factory Hit By R.A.F.

ON Tuesday night aircraft of Bomber Command attacked objectives in Germany and France, including the Gnome and Rhone Aero-Engine Factory at Limoges, a British Air Ministry report stated last night.

"One of our aircraft on intruder patrol destroyed a six-engine flying boat over its base on the West Coast of France. None of our aircraft is missing."

The attacks, says Press Association, began soon after dawn, and went on continuously.

A.A.F. Marauders penetrated more than one hundred miles into France to bomb railway yards and engine repair sheds at Tergnier, an important rail junction and distributing centre, mid-way between St. Quentin and Soissons. It was the deepest inland the Marauders have flown since they began operating from English bases last July.

From the whole of the day's operations one aircraft is missing.

Mr. Eric Newton, who is delivering the Hermione lectures at Alexandra College, Dublin, this week.

SHIPPING FINANCES IMPROVED

SINCE last year Irish Shipping, Ltd., has paid off a bank overdraft of £412,005, acquired £870,000 worth of Government Stock, increased its cash holding by £675,601, and lodged £1,000,000 to a new insurance reserve account. On the other hand, the item appearing in its accounts under "sundry creditors" (including uncompleted voyage accounts, taxation reserve and agreed charges) has risen from £390,597 to £1,862,516.

These figures are given in a published summary of the company's accounts for the financial year ending June, 1943, when it was stated that the company then owned 13 steamers of 37,780 tons gross, and of an average age of 34 years.

Other features given in the summary are as follows:—Paid-up capital at £200,000 (mostly held by the Minister for Finance) is the same as last year; an item of the 1942 accounts, general and contingency reserve, at £489,584, no longer appears; an entry of £99,281 under the heading of profit and loss account. At the end of June, 1942, its fleet stood at cost—namely, £1,065,598. It now stands, less depreciation, at £912,000. Investment in a subsidiary company has increased from £75,000 to £117,000, and bunkers' stores have risen from £33,087 to £570,554.

Shipping experts look upon these results as very satisfactory for the company. A further indication of the good results obtained is that recently shipping freights have been reduced considerably; in some cases by as much as fifty per cent.

SUGGESTED CHANGES IN PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

A POLICY of "planned disintegration," officially approved in principle and involving unification of administration and the provision of modern buildings, are advocated for Dublin's Board of Assistance system in a review of the present situation by the Dublin Commissioners of Public Assistance. The review coincides with an announcement that the Board of Assistance demand for the coming year is reduced by £10,000.

The Commission, of which the Chairman is Mr. Seamus Murphy, expresses the conviction that, after prolonged examination of the housing and administrative problems at St. Kevin's Institution, they are convinced that, in the long run, the most satisfactory solution of the present situation would be found in the evacuation and demolition of the buildings in the chronic and infirm section, and in the extension and development of the present hospital as a fully-equipped hospital for the acutely sick poor and their children. It is recommended that the chronic and infirm shall be housed in a new institution located preferably outside the city.

"WORN OUT"

Describing the existing accommodation for the aged, chronic and infirm as "not a credit to the public assistance system in the metropolis," the report recommends the breaking-up of the old and worn-out system by the provision of modern buildings for the chronic and infirm, the appointment of well-qualified sectional officers, unification of administration under a secretary, and the general raising of the administrative and nursing standard.

Commenting on internal administration in the institution, the Commissioners stated that in general the staff were engaged without regard to merit or suitability, and the absence of any chain of authority produced a tendency among officials to act independently and to resent discipline. Arising out of the absence of proper organisation, cases were mentioned in the report where people were being maintained in the institution for years while they were in receipt of money from England.

The Board's expenditure this year is estimated as follows:—Assistance in district institutions, £208,551; assistance in extern institutions, £30,000; home assistance, £238,631; medical assistance, £38,195; other expenses, £21,395. Deducting £49,084 as estimated receipts from sources other than the contributory bodies, the net demand is £487,686, of which the demand on the Dublin Borough Council is £413,036 and on the Dublin County Council £35,353.

Last year the Commissioners reduced the demand by £30,000. In addition to the decrease this year, it will be possible, it was indicated, to make a provision of over £10,000 for expenditure on essential increases in the nursing staff, which would enable the replacement of the objectionable system of inmate attendants by a paid staff.

New German Weapons

Two new German weapons were reported from the Russian front yesterday. One is a ten-barrelled self-propelling trench mortar, fitted with an A.-A. machine-gun, captured at Novo Sokolniki. Now on exhibition in Moscow, it weighs 7½ tons, and was manufactured in the latter part of 1943, says Reuter from Moscow.

The second weapon, a heavy anti-tank gun known as the "Hornet," was described in a broadcast by Major Hoppe, Commander of a Wehrmacht anti-tank unit. Hornets, he said, had played a decisive part in "the first defensive battle of Vitebsk."

"Climax in Europe This Year"

Mr. John Curtin, Australian Prime Minister, in the House of Representatives yesterday, forecast that the climax of the European war would be reached this year. When Germany is defeated, he added, it will still take a considerable time to defeat Japan, and an early or easy victory is not to be counted upon.

Search for Radio Advisers

A search for members of the new Radio Eireann Advisory Council has begun, and it is understood that the *personnel* will be announced very soon. Mr. P. J. Little, Minister for Posts and Telegraphs, has approached a number of well-known men. One or two have expressed unwillingness to join, but he expects to have a little band of astute advisers together in a few days. The Council will be representative of discerning amateur critics rather than professional musicians, authors or artists.

The entertainment value of Radio Eireann's programmes and modern radio development will occupy the Council's attention. The progress of television will be watched by both the Council and the radio authorities.

Radio Eireann merely adhered to settled Government policy in turning down recent sponsored programme offers. Many similar offers had been made over some years, Mr. Little told an *Irish Times* reporter yesterday.

PROBLEM OF NIGHT DOCTORS

THE Medical Association is considering the thorny problem of the night doctor. Late at night, and in the early hours of the morning, harassed medical men are called from their beds to attend cases, the majority of which are of a trivial kind, and could readily be attended to the next day. Many of the doctors, who go out by night, received no payment, although the patients they attend are in a position to foot the bill.

The Medical Association have discussed many suggestions that might lead to a solution of the difficulty. The one that received greatest support provides for the setting up of a panel of night doctors at the different hospitals. Residents of the particular districts could telephone the hospital nearest, and a doctor would be sent. It is thought that such a scheme would have to be subsidised by the Department of Local Government and Public Health. The hospitals have been circularised with a view to seeing to what extent they could lend their co-operation. It is believed, however, that the hospitals will not shoulder the responsibility. In the first instance, a reporter was told, there would be the question of the availability of beds for patients who might arrive unexpectedly at night; for the hospitals invariably are crowded out.

Again it was pointed out that the Department, probably, would not sponsor such a scheme, because it came under the heading of poor law work.

A further barrier confronting medical men called out by night is the transport one: petrol supplies must be conserved to attend recognised patients.

The whole matter bristles with difficulties, it was added, but the Medical Association was hopeful that a way out would be devised yet. It would not be easy, however, for, apart from other considerations, there was the vexed problem of lack of hospital accommodation for Dublin's 500,000 people.

Wool Prices Order May Cause Losses

As wool prices in 1943 were considerably higher than the new scales fixed by the Government on Saturday, the mills and merchants stand to lose considerable sums on stocks purchased last year. Still, one manufacturer, interviewed by an *Irish Times* reporter yesterday, said that he welcomed the Government's new prices Order wholeheartedly. He said that, in his opinion, the new prices, though lower, would provide a reasonable margin of profit both to the farmer and the trade, and would not result in a decreased wool output in the future. Although sheep population figures were down by, roughly, 7 per cent. since 1940, he said, the mills were still able to secure all their wool requirements. "Last year's prices," he said, "were little short of fantastic—higher than in any other country."

Officials of the Irish Wool Federation declined to comment on the new Order, one member stating that it was too soon accurately to state the trade's reactions.

Portugal's New Policy

Dr. Salazar, Portuguese Prime Minister, told a conference of leaders of the Party of National Union (Portugal's single party) that their difficulties had been and would be to reconcile during the war their neutral foreign policy and alliance with Britain with their political system and after the war their fundamental principles with the principles of the new international organisation. He forecast an international organisation "tending to the formation of great economic and political blocs."

Portugal must not stand still in the light of these world developments, he said, in calling on the Congress "to proceed to the necessary revision of our doctrine."—(Reuter.)

IRISH RED CROSS POTATO APPEAL

FOR many reasons this country has so far been able to do only a little towards the relief of those in other countries who are suffering from the war.

Sweden and Switzerland, neutrals like ourselves, are giving us an inspiring example of what can be done.

From Sweden 11 ships have gone carrying food to Greece. To Norway it has given 6,000 tons of sugar. Its relief fund for that country totals one million pounds. It maintains 30,000 refugee children—while its Parliament has voted six million pounds for post-war relief.

Of Switzerland what need be said? It is spending millions for relief of other countries, while its Government and people alike devote themselves to the humanitarian work of the International Red Cross Committee.

In this tremendous crisis when millions are threatened with death from starvation will Ireland stand aside or will she live up to her great tradition of open-handed generosity and Christian charity?

In the confident belief that our people will not fail in this crucial hour the Red Cross Society appeals to the farmers of Ireland to place at its disposal in the coming year 100,000 tons of potatoes for the relief of famine stricken Europe.

If every farmer who holds more than 15 acres of arable land plans now to grow an extra one-sixth of an Irish acre of potatoes, and if those with smaller holdings plant even a few extra drills or give of their surplus, this amount will readily be made available.

The reward for the extra strain and sacrifice involved will be to the farmer and worker alike the satisfaction of having done a great work of mercy. They will earn the deep gratitude of those to whom through their efforts relief will come.

It is suggested that those who participate shall deliver the potatoes in bulk at the nearest railway station, where they will be accepted on behalf of the Society. Where this is not possible an endeavour will be made to have them collected at the farms.

This appeal is being made with approval of all parties in the State. Muintir na Tire also has promised its active support.

Time presses!

Members of the Society are asked to be up and doing to make this appeal widely known in their districts and to obtain the co-operation of all who are willing to help.

Grow an extra rood of potatoes for the Irish Red Cross to feed Starving Europe

Issued by Cumann Croise Deirge na hEireann (The Irish Red Cross Society), 21 St. Stephen's Green, Dublin.

Conditions may change—
but for QUALITY
SWEET AFTON
CIGARETTES
never vary
In flavour and aroma they are unrivalled. You will find them a cool, satisfying smoke at all times

Ireland's Rugby Hopes On Saturday

By Our Rugby Football Correspondent

FOLLOWING five interprovincial matches, and the game between the Combined Universities v. the Rest of Ireland, the Irish XV carries a good deal of confidence for the big event of the season against the British team at Ravenhill next Saturday. We have lost the two previous matches in this war-time series, which was started in 1942.

On the first occasion Ireland lost by 8 points to 6, and had the attempt to convert the last try from a difficult position been successful, we would have managed to draw. Last season the visitors were not so formidable on paper, but a gale of wind made the conditions freakish. We used it to the extent of building up a lead of eleven points in the first half, but the opposition went one point better in the second period.

THE HOOKERS

On this occasion we have a three-quarter line capable of real penetration in attack, and the main question is: will our hooker, F. Cromey, be able to hold his own with W. H. Travers? The latter played in the 1942 game, and proved a master at his job, with the result that our backs were mostly concerned with defence. This time Cromey, who may not be up to Travers' standard as a specialist, but is, nevertheless, quite efficient at his job, has two inexperienced men in W. J. Moynan and J. Corcoran on either side; but the middle and back rows should be capable of getting in that essential shove when the ball is put in. Nelson, Keeffe, O'Brien, O'Loughlin and Halpenny are all big men, and if they do their job they will make it harder for Travers to gain command of the situation.

It cannot be admitted that we are especially strong at half-back. Greer's selection in front of T. Moroney at out-half has been criticised, but it must be kept in mind that this is the Cork man's first season in senior Rugby, and, as a compensation for weakness in attack, Greer is a first-class defender and has a safe pair of hands. Adrain, who gets his big chance at scrum-half towards the end of a long playing career, can be dangerous individually and knows how to pass, but he is not as useful in the general play as H. de Lacy, who was not available this time.

I fancy that the exceptional tackling qualities of the two centres, G. Quinn and L. O'Brien, will worry the opposition considerably, and neither Moran nor Burke is easily beaten; but whether O'Brien will form a smooth link in the passing movements is another matter. By way of compensation, he can launch an individual attack which can test any defensive scheme.

GOOD WING FORWARDS

Whatever happens in the tight scrums, the forwards should be able to hold their own in all the other aspects of the play. O'Brien, O'Loughlin and Halpenny should be a formidable back row trio, and others, such as Moynan and Nelson, have qualities beyond the ordinary work which falls to the lot of the first and second row men. Nor must Con Murphy be forgotten; the soundest full back in present-day Rugby anywhere means a lot to his side.

Criticism of the British XV must be speculative. We have seen several of them before—Risman, Tanner and Travers two years ago, Williams and Foster last year—and, of course, C. J. Irwin on Queen's University and Ulster teams. Several are "long in the tooth," especially Waters and Shaw in the pack, and Risman and Kemp, of the backs. Still, they are certain to be fit, and we know the standard of their key-men.

Given support by his forwards, Travers will get the ball from at least fifty per cent. of the scrums, and Tanner will certainly give a smooth service to his out-half; but Kemp's form at present is uncertain, and Risman, as was proved in 1942, can be rather innocuous against determined tackling. The main danger may come from Francis and Williams, on the wings, and Foster, in the open forward play. Foster caused us more trouble than any of the British backs, with the exception of J. Ellis, last season. One thing is certain—under reasonable conditions we ought to see a splendid game.

Club Match — At Curragh: Curragh Command 1 goal 3 tries, Wanderers nil.

HORSES IN TRAINING AT KILDANGAN

BY OUR CURRAGH CORRESPONDENT

The horses in training at Kildangan are numerically twice as strong as in any of the past three seasons, and, owing to the shortage of labour, Mr. More O'Ferrall has had to send away five two-year-olds to be trained elsewhere. The horses under his control are:—

FOUR-YEAR-OLDS AND UPWARDS.

Calvedos, b. g., 4 yrs., by Apple Sammy—Rainbow.
Dead Level, br. g., 9 yrs., by Square Measure—Lovely Peg.
Taffytrap, ch. g., 7 yrs., by Caerleon—La Souriciere.

THREE-YEAR-OLDS.

Brushwood Girl, b. f., by Bois Roussel—The Pen.
Ekyad, b. c., by Easton—Axle.
Haparanda, ch. c., by Wychwood Abbot—Scarlet River.
High Spirits b. f., by Felicitation—Planchette.
Misty Dawn, ch. f., by Brumeaux—Wakeful.
Murmansk, br. g., by Mieuxce—Yasna.
Ruby Port, ch. c., by Fairhaven—Rose Cygnet.
Vallima, br. f., by Mieuxce—Silvia.
B. g. by His Reverence—Nightshirt.

TWO-YEAR-OLDS.

Admirable, br. f., by Nearco—Silvia.
Bramford, b. c., by Mieuxce—Yasna.
First Royalty, b. f., by Furrokh Siyar—Madame Royale II.
Hyrcania, ch. f., by Hyperion—Kyloe.
Indian Emperor, b. c., by Fair Trial—Mount Michigan.
King Kong, b. c., by Umidwar—Kong.
Lion Hill, br. c., by Coup de Lyon—Spion Hill.
Mimizan, b. f., by Mieuxce—Mizzinette.
Mrahm Ohini, ch. f., by Coup de Lyon—Phylactery.
Padam Bahadur, ch. c., by Khan Bahadur—Forgiveness.
Princess of Gwalior, ch. f., by Gold Bridge—Can-Can.
Princess of India, br. f., by Pampas Grass—Lady Wembley.
Rose of Gwalior, ch. c. by Turkhan—Solerina.
Rose Point, bl. f., by Rosewell—On Edge.
Spandril, ch. c., by Coup de Lyon—Spy Ann.
Windy Point, b. f., by Windsor Lad—Sea Mark.
Br. f. by Fairford—Hat Trick.
Ch. c., by Flying Phœnix—First Spring.
B. f. by Flying Phœnix—Joy Coo.

Owners—The Right Hon. Sir Percy Loraine, Bart., P.C., G.C.M.G.; Sir Harold Gray, K.B.E.; H.H. Maharaja Scindia of Gwalior, H.H. the Maharaja of Cooch Behar, Senator J. T. McGee, Mr. G. F. Annesley, Mr. R. J. Banker, Mr. Terence J. S. Gray, Major E. M. Conolly, C.M.G.; Mr. F. More O'Ferrall, Mr. S. R. Lignell, Mr. R. More O'Ferrall.

Jockeys—E. M. Quirke, A. Barrett. Apprentices—A. Wing, P. Powell, jr.

Basket Ball.—Curragh Command Final: Military Police 22, 11th Battalion 21.

Clonmel Coursing

(By MASTER McGRATH).

THE National meeting at Powerstown Park, Clonmel, on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of next week will provide coursing men with three days' excellent sport to wind up a most successful season, and the stake money, which runs into £1,750, is a unique sum for any one meeting in any country. The draw will take place on Monday in the Town Hall, Clonmel, at 5 o'c.

Among the 64 in the Derby is, of course, Lost Light, who, before going to Clounanna to win the Irish Cup, won a trial at Athlone. Another youngster who, after qualifying for Clonmel, gained further distinction by winning the North Kilkenny Cup at Ballyragget, is Mountain Emperor. Following on his success at Kilmihill in December, Entirely divided the Kingdom at Tralee the same month.

Should Lost Flight go into the draw he would have a host of admirers, although many, perhaps, would be doubtful of his stamina by reason of the extra strain that the uphill stretch at Powerstown Park imposes on a puppy that already has run six courses in the Irish Cup only a month previously.

It is the general opinion of coursing men that this season's puppies, dogs and bitches, are above the average in point of class, and, from what I have seen of them, I am inclined to that view. One of the best that came under my notice was Mountain Emperor; others were Daworis Light (at Loughrea), but rumour has it that he is a doubtful starter; Battle Dawn (Ballyragget), General Casey, who many thought would have won the Gold Cup at Mollusk but for that extra course in the first round; Cope with Tanist and Queer Hawk (both at Seven Houses), Border Elegance (Mollusk), Lissawney and Quality (both at Kilsheelan) and Tail Rally (Ballincollig). Then there are the Kerry representatives, Lucky Watcher, who raised five flags at the Kingdom Cup meeting and four at Ballyheigue, and Ballyfinane Lad, also a 32-dog winner at Tralee.

SQUASH RACKETS

In the only championship match played at Fitzwilliam yesterday J. V. Luce beat D. O'Brien 9-1, 9-6, 7-9, 9-4.

To-day's Programme—4.0, J. Blayney v. O. Giddings. 4.30, P. McWeeney v. C. Chamney (C.). 5.0, S. Law v. D. Good (C.). 5.30, J. V. Luce v. R. N. Hogan (C.). 6.15, T. P. Hogan v. J. J. O'Keefe (C.). 6.45, J. C. Anderson v. K. O'B. Kenney. 7.30, J. E. Lynch v. A. White. 8.0, E. W. McCabe v. A. Hopkins 8.30, J. Apthorpe v. J. Tunney. 9.0, H. C. East v. A. Barry.

Any player failing to appear will be scratched.

BALDOYLE TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

With such interest centred in Saturday's meeting at Baldoyle, when the £1,000 Handicap 'Chase will be the main attraction, every effort is being made by the race company, in conjunction with the Gardai and transport authorities, to ensure the comfort of patrons. The first race is timed for 2.30, and there will be a frequent train service from 11.43 a.m. to 2 p.m. Special arrangements have been made by the Gardai to prevent confusion and rush on the return journey. Patrons are asked to travel early and avail of the special facilities. There will be free cycle parks in all enclosures, and race cards (price 6d.) will be on sale on the course.

Brown Cottage, it is learned, will not be a runner for the Baldoyle 'Chase, having rapped a leg.

TO-DAY'S SPORTING FIXTURES.

Squash Rackets.—Irish championships, Fitzwilliam Club, 4.0.

Soccer.—Collingwood Cup—U.C.D. v. Dublin University, Belfield, 3.30.

L.M.S. Dividend Unchanged

No change is made in the L.M.S. Ordinary dividend. The additional half per cent. paid last year is again to be distributed, making the total 2½ per cent. The stock reacted on the announcement to 33. At this price it gives a yield of just over 7½ per cent.

It will be remembered that the increase of ½ per cent. made last year was taken from the carry forward, which was reduced from £166,135 to £95,000. This year it is paid almost entirely from earnings, the carry forward being only slightly reduced to £87,000. Total net income amounted to £15,686,000, an increase of £95,000. Of this £14,800,000 comes from the agreement with the Government and the remainder from income from sources outside the agreement, the earning capacity of which has evidently improved. The usual £400,000 is set aside for contingencies. Apart from the reaction in L.M.S. Ordinary stock, British Railway stocks showed little change.

OTHER EXCHANGES

BIRMINGHAM.—Brockhouse higher at 68/10½. Lucas steady at 78/6. Alvis 5/9, Austin "A" 26/9, Dennis 25/6, Dunlop 40/3, Enfield 25/6, Ford 34/9, Guy 2/9, Humber 21/3, Lea Francis 2/9, Leyland 76/6, Lucas 78/6, Morris 42/9, Raleigh 77/3, Rolls-Royce 102/6, Rover 29/3, Singer 6/-, Standard 26/7½, Triplex 37/3.

MANCHESTER.—Bleachers 10/-, Dyers 21/-, "Slubbers" 16/-, Calico 16/-, Coats 46/-, Courtaulds 53/6, Dunlop 41/1½, Cottons 33/9, Velvet 11/6, Spinners 22/-, Henry 20/-, Turner and Newall 79/6, Wall Paper Defd. 77/4½.

POINT-TO-POINT

WEST WATERFORD HUNT.

At Tallow yesterday. Result:

Kilmore Plate—Mr. D. Heskins's Green Minstrel (Mr. J. Mills), 1; Highland Luck, 2; Springfield Boy, 3. 7 ran. 5l.; same.

Light-Weight Race—Mr. J. Barry's John d'Or (Mr. D. Barry), 1; Will Fitz, 2; Fanny's Knight, 3. 6 ran. 2l.; bad.

Maiden Race—Mr. T. Murphy's Spring Vale (Owner), 1; Westpark, 2; Red Bank, 3. 9 ran. 2l.; 5l.

Heavy-Weight Race—Mr. P. Curley's Springfield Boy (Mr. D. Kenneally), 1; Midnight Sun, 2; Golden Rust, 3. 6 ran. 2l.; 4l.

Farmers' Race—Mr. D. Mulcahy's Heat Wave (Mr. E. Flynn), 1; Kitty the Hare, 2. 3 ran. 10l.

Hunt Cup—Mr. P. Barry's Ballinahina Pet (Mr. N. Fitzgibbon), 1; Squirrel III., 2; Maytime 3. 7 ran. 2l.; 4l.

NENAGH HARRIERS.

At Grange Hill yesterday.

Harriers' Race—Mr. R. Dagg's Silver Fox, 1; Grawn Boy, 2; Dew Drop, 3. 5 ran.

Light-Weight Race—Mr. H. Kenny's Knight of Shinrone, 1; Arod, 2; Inishcullen, 3. 5 ran.

Maiden Race—Miss MacCutcheon's Sand Ant, 1; City Home, 2; Flying Drop, 3. 7 ran.

Ballingary Cup—Mr. H. P. Russell's Shannon Luck, 1; Signal Hill, 2. 7 ran.

Farmers' Race—Mr. J. F. Reid's Nipper, 1; Knockahunna, 2. 2 ran.

HUNTING APPOINTMENTS.

To-morrow.—Ballymacad, Crossdrim, 12 noon; Co. Limerick, Mount Brown, 12 noon. Meath, Batterstown, 11.30 a.m.; Mid-Antrim, Hillmount, 12.30 p.m.; Fingal, meet cancelled; Co. Galway, Raford, 12 noon; Wexford, Templeshelin, 12 noon; South Union, Belgooly, 11.30 a.m.; Naas Kildare; Westmeath, Glencara, 11.45 a.m.; Co. Longford, Terlicken Forge, 1.0 p.m.; North Kildare, Larch Hill.

Fingal Harriers.—Meet fixed for to-morrow at Swords is cancelled, owing to shortage of horses at the kennels.

GALTRIM CUP HOCKEY.

Three Rock Rovers 4, Railway Union 3; Dublin University 3, Air Corps 0; Monkstown 1, Corinthians 1; Avoca 1, Dalkey 0.

Rails Fall Heavily on G.N.R. Report

ACTIVE conditions prevailed on the Dublin Stock Exchange yesterday, and Irish securities commanded the bulk of attention. The outstanding feature was the pronounced weakness of Home Rails following the publication of the Great Northern report.

Local Industrials made a busy showing and fresh support caused a hardening tendency in many cases.

The recent strong buying of Great Southern Rails has been based on the belief that the coming report would show good results. Consequently the fall in net revenue, as shown in the Great Northern report, came as a disappointment to the market. It caused a certain amount of previous liquidation, and this, coupled with profit-taking, produced a weak tone.

Great Southern Ord. relapsed 5¼ points to 52, the Pref. 4 points to 53, and the Guar. 3¾ points to 66.

D.U.T.C. Poll

THE result of the poll taken by D.U.T.C. shareholders on February 4th will be announced at an extraordinary general meeting at the company's offices to-morrow (Friday).

Great Northern Ord. were lowered 1¼ points to 21¾, and the Pref. drooped to 41. Dublin Transport issues held steady, but Grand Canal Pref. jumped 1s. 10½d. to 120s.

Gilt-edged issues attracted a good deal of attention. Changes in Home Government Funds made a mixed showing.

Bank of Ireland stock fell a further point to 339. Guinness Ord. hardened to 128s. 6d., and the Pref. to 16 3/16. Alliance Gas Ord. declined to 22s. 6d.

Bakeries were in demand. Johnston Mooney Pref. rose to 29s., and Milford (Donegal) Ord. spurted sharply to 24s. 6d. Draperies attracted more attention. Arnott Pref. gained 1s. at 100s., but McBirney Ord. eased to 7s. 9d., and Pim Bros. Ord. to 10s. 6d.

Independent Pref. firmed up to 35s. 9d., and Polikoff Pref. added 1s. at 20s. Pye Ord. gained pence at 8s. 6d., as did Green Cinema Pref. at 18s. 6d.

OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS

(*) Odd lot. (a) Asked. (b) Bid. (Previous prices in parentheses.)

GOVERNMENT FUNDS—5 p.c. Second Nat. Loan (114¾), 114⅜; 4½ p.c. Third Loan (112½), 111¾; 3½ p.c. Fourth Loan (106½), *107; 4 p.c. Conversion Loan (112), *112¼; do. (under £200) (111¾), 112; 3¾ p.c. Financial Agreement (111), 111; do. (under £200) (111¼), 110⅞; 3¼ p.c. National Security (105½), 105⅜; do. (under £200) (105⅜), 105¼; 4½ p.c. Land Bonds (116⅜), *116½; do. (under £200) (116⅜) 116¼; 4 p.c. Land Bonds (109), 109¼, 9½; 2½ p.c. Consols (79 15/16), 79 13/16; 3½ p.c. War Loan (103⅞), 103, ⅞, ⅞; 3 p.c. Local Loans (94⅞), 94⅞.

CORPORATION STOCKS—Dublin 5 p.c., 1950/'70 (108¾), 108¾; Limerick 3½ p.c. (100), 100.

BANKS—Bank of Ireland (340), 339; National (50/-), 50/-.

BREWERIES—Guinness Ord. (128/3), 128/3, 8/9, *8/6; do. Pref. (16⅛), 16 3/16.

SHIPPING — Grand Canal Pref (118/1½), 120/-.

RAILS, ETC.—Gt. Northern Ord. (23) 22½, 2 *1¾; do. Pref. (41½), *41; do. Deb. (82½), *82½, *2½; Gt. Southern Ord. (57¼), 54½, 2; do. Pref. (57), *56, 5, 3; do. Guar. (69¾), 68¾, 6; do. Deb. (88⅜), *88⅜; Dublin Transport Ord. (24/9), 24/9, *4/7½, 4/9; do. Pref. (24/9), 24/9.

IRISH INDUSTRIALS—Alliance Gas Ord. (22/9), 22/6, 2/6, 2/6; Arnott Ord (105/-) *105/-; do. Pref. (99/-), *100/-; Burke (E. and J.) Def. (4/-), *4/-; do Pref. (10/-), *9/9; Cement Deb. (110½), *110½; Dublin Artisan Dwellings (14¾), *14¾; Goodbody Ord. (32/-), 32/-; Goulding Pref. (26/6), *26/6; Hely's Ord. (62/-) 62/-a; Independent Pref. (35/-), *35/9; Irish Tanners Ord. (12/6) 12/6; Johnston Mooney Pref. (28/6), 29/-; Milford (Donegal) Ord. (22/1), *24/6; McBirney Ord. (8/-), 7/9, 7/9; Pim Bros. Ord. (10/9), *10/6; Polikoff (Ord. (6/3) 6/3; do. Pref. (19/-), 20/-; Pye (Ireland) Ord (8/-), 8/6; Solus "A" Ord. (45/-), 45/-, 5/-; Stephen's Green Cinema Pref. (18/-), 18/6; Switzer Pref. (25/-), *25/-; Woodington Pref. (19/6), 19/6.

BRITISH INDUSTRIALS — B.A.T. 113/7½; Courtaulds (53/6), 53/6; Hawker Siddeley (18/3), 18/4½, 18/4½; Imperial Tobacco (157/9), 157/9; Imperial Chemical (38/4½), 37/10½, *8/3; Tobacco Sec. Trust, 73/3¾; Vickers, 18/4½; Woolworth, 59/6.

New Rent Order Criticised

The cost of maintenance work done by contractors has increased by fifty per cent. since the war, according to Mr. T. S. Martin, chairman, speaking at the annual meeting on Tuesday, of the Dublin Artisans' Dwellings Co., Ltd.

The company, he said, was now spending £2,000 more on maintenance than it was in 1938. Increases in payments for labour and materials had had Government sanction, but no provision had been made to meet the heavier outlay and overhead charges for maintenance.

Since 1926 rents had been kept under a ceiling which was rather rigid for so prolonged a period. Though they noticed that this aspect of the problem had been overlooked in the new Rent Restrictions Order, they hoped that when permanent legislation was being framed to deal with housing this important point would be kept in mind.

Could Sell Month's Quota in an Hour

Some interesting glimpses of the financial and business policy which guides the Woolworth's concern are given in the accounts for 1943. There is first the increase in the cash balance of £2,489,438 to £7,352,419, in addition to £4,018,250 in tax reserve certificates, and £1,408,864 in Gilt-edged securities.

The chairman, in a statement issued with the accounts, says the stores "are sorely shabby, understaffed, and stocked with such goods as are available in these days. Even the fixtures are in a condition we would not normally tolerate." Stocks have fallen in value by £1,568,358 to £3,228,833. This, we are told, is due to the "drastic elimination of doubtful merchandise."

The decrease in profit, which has made necessary the reduction in the year's dividend from 2/6 per 5/- share to 2/-, is attributed to the lack of merchandise. "We, like others," says the chairman, "could readily sell goods in short supply. A whole month's quota will sell in one hour, which indicates the extent of the commodity hunger which remains to be satisfied when better times come along."

Company News

For the seventh year in succession, the English Electric Co. is paying a dividend of 10 p.c. on its Ordinary capital, which, it will be remembered, was increased in 1942 to £2,317,182 by the stock issued in exchange for the shares of D. Napier and Son, Ltd., and has since been further increased to £2,359,154. Profits, after tax, for the year to December 31st last totalled £419,346 (against £407,560). The £1 units at 50s. give a return of just 4 p.c.

PROSPEROUS SHOE COMPANY.

Despite the restrictions on supplies of raw materials and other handicaps, boot and shoe concerns have continued to prosper. The latest announcement is by the Saxone Shoe Co., Ltd., which is maintaining its final dividend at 10 per cent., again making 12½ per cent. for the year. Its trading profits have steadily increased throughout the war years, but all the surplus has been absorbed by E.P.T., with the result that dividends have been stabilised at 12½ per cent. It provides a good illustration of the extent to which E.P.T. acts as a cushion to dividends. Half of the capital is £1 Ordinary shares, which are tightly held. They were last dealt in at 52/6, at which they offer a return of about 4¾ per cent.

STORES MERGER.

An interesting Stores merger is proposed in an offer made by Timothy Whites and Taylors, the chemists and hardware business, to the shareholders of Mence Smiths Stores (Proprietors), Ltd., to purchase the shares of the latter on a cash basis. The offer is made through Phillip Hill and Partners, Ltd., of 48/- per share for the Ordinary shares, and 27/- per share for the Pref. (last dealt in at 26/-).

Mence Smith's business is oil and colour merchants and grocers, and the company owns about 15 branches in London and 80 in the provinces. The capital is £170,500, divided into £155,000 in 10 p.c. Cumulative Pref. shares of £1 each and £15,500 Ordinary shares of £1 each.

The Fife Coal Company is repeating its final dividend at 9 p.c., again making 14 p.c. for the year.

Three years' Pref. dividend arrears are to be paid by Argus Press Holdings, Ltd., on April 1st, bringing payments up to date. The last Ord. dividend was 12½ p.c. for 1939.

The South Metropolitan Gas Company is paying 3 p.c. on its Ord. stock, comparing with 1 p.c. last year. The stock is quoted at 91½. Before the war the company was paying 5½ p.c.

Weyburn Engineering is again making up its Ord. distribution to 35 p.c. and a bonus of 5 p.c. The 5/- shares are quoted at 23/-.

WALL STREET

NEW YORK, Wednesday.—The market turned irregular in the afternoon, following the earlier steadiness. Rails, which advanced for a time, declined, and Steels softened near the finish.

Fractional gains and losses were evenly divided in the final hour among the leading issues.

The turnover of 626,000 shares comprised 818 issues, of which 264 advanced, 301 declined, and 253 remained unchanged.—(Reuter.)

Many Mice but Few Cats

"IN my opinion, mice are now a more serious problem than rats. Since the war began many people have got rid of their cats, and the number of mice has grown tremendously," said a rat-catcher at a conference at the Royal Sanitary Institute, London, yesterday.

Status of Scotland

Mr. Attlee, Deputy Prime Minister, replying to Rhys Davies (Lab., Westhoughton) in the British House of Commons yesterday, said:—It was still too early to say what would be the precise effect of the recent changes in the U.S.S.R. Constitution. In any event, changes in Britain's constitutional arrangements would spring from the needs and character of their own people rather than from any comparisons of other countries.

Mr. Davies, who had suggested that the British Government should consider granting "separate nation" status to parts of the British Empire, including Scotland and Wales, said that there was a feeling in some quarters that the Government was not keeping step with the march of events in diplomatic circles.

Mr. Campbell Stephens ((I.L.P., Camlachie)—Is Mr. Attlee aware that the need for Home Rule for Scotland has been fully established? Why does not the Government deal with it?

Mr. Attlee—That question should be addressed to the Secretary for Scotland.

Mr. Gallacher (Communist, West Fife)—Is Mr. Attlee not aware that the Secretary for Scotland is in favour of Home Rule for Scotland—that he is being held back by the Deputy Prime Minister and other Ministers?

Mr. Attlee—I am not aware of that.

Ploughing Contests at Ballinasloe

PLOUGHS, guided by representatives of seventeen counties, broke century-old lea at Ashford, near Ballinasloe, yesterday, in the fourteenth Irish ploughing championship. William Kehoe regained for Wexford the individual championship, held since last year by P. Nolan, of Kilkenny. The Wexford team won the county championship with 699 marks, Wicklow being the runner-up.

A large crowd assembled to watch the competition, including the Minister for Agriculture (Dr. J. Ryan) and the Most Rev. Dr. Duignan, Bishop of Clonfert, one of the patrons of the championship. A number of local T.D.s were also present.

Originally eighteen teams entered, but the Offaly team refused to take part after having an objection overruled by the committee. A remarkable feature of the meeting was the preponderance of youthful ploughmen, of whom James Cuddihy, aged sixteen, of the Kilkenny team, was the youngest.

There were about 150 horses, supplied locally for the match, but no pair was judged worthy of the Royal Dublin Society's prize. The town of Ballinasloe has been full since Tuesday, and the five miles of road to the ploughing field were black with traffic all day.

RESULTS

The results were:—Senior Individual Championship—1, William Kehoe, Wexford, 181; 2, Stephen Dempsey, Wexford, 175. Junior Individual Championship—Edward O'Meara, North Tipperary, and Martin Ward, Galway, tied with 152 marks. Best Middle—William R. Murphy, Wexford. Best Furrow—Bernard McMahon, Meath.

Minor Championship (Senior Grade)—John Doyle, Wicklow, and Michael Redmond, jun., Wexford, tied with 169 marks. Minor Championship (Junior Grade)—P. Minnock, Westmeath, 150. Best Pair of Horses—Patk. Mulvey, Clonliffe, Thomastown, Kilkenny.

County Championships—1, Wexford (Stephen Dempsey, William Kehoe, Michael Redmond, senior and junior), total, 699; 2, Wicklow, 686; 3, Kilkenny, 679. Junior County Championship — 1, Galway (J. Cullinane, J. O'Brien, M. Ward and M. J. Burke), total, 592; 2, Westmeath, 588; 3, Tipperary, North, 578.

Condemned British Prisoners

Mr. Eden, Foreign Secretary, told Sir Jocelyn Lucas in the House of Commons yesterday that an immediate communication had been made to the Swiss Government asking for information as to the report by German News Agency to the effect that five British prisoners of war found hiding in Northern Italy had been sentenced to death, and for an assurance from the German Government that the provisions of the Geneva Convention would be respected.

Article 66 of the Convention provides that no sentence of death be carried out until three months after full particulars of the case have been communicated to the protecting Power.

Less Business In London

There was rather less business in Industrial issues on the London Stock Exchange yesterday, but the appreciation marked on Tuesday was well maintained. The announcement of the L.M.S. dividend failed to revive interest in the British Railway section, while Foreign Rails continue to show a downward tendency.

Gilt-edged were almost without change, and other investment issues were firm. Powell Duffryn Steam Coal Ord. reacted to 21/9 on the details of the scheme merging the company with its associate, Welsh Associated Collieries. Under the scheme the two holding companies will be wound up, and the whole business merged into the operating company, Powell Duffryn Associated Collieries, Ltd.

Cunard Steamship Ord. continue to advance pending the dividend, and closed at 24/-. It will be remembered that dividends on the Ord. capital were resumed last year with an interim of 2½ p.c., the stockholders being warned, however that this did not necessarily mean that there would be a final dividend.

A bright spot in Kaffirs was an advance of 1/10½ to 23/9 in Consolidated Mines Selection 10/- units on the increase in the dividend from 5 p.c. to 12½ p.c. Other Kaffirs showed little change. In Diamonds, Consolidated eased 3d. to 34/9.

PRINCIPAL CHANGES.

The following were the principal price changes yesterday:—

BRITISH FUNDS—Consols 4 p.c., 109⅞+1/16; War Loan, 103 15/16+1/16; Local Loans, 94 11/16+1/16.

RAILS AND BANKS—L.M.S. Ord., 33-⅜; Southern Def. 24½-⅛; "Canpac," 16+⅛; Midland Bank, 103¼+1/16.

INDUSTRIALS—Assoc. Cement, 63/--1/-; John Brown, 25/+6d.; Brad. Dyers, 20/9-3d.; Braz. Traction, 26¼+1⅜; Brit. Celanese, 26/9+3d.; Coats, 45/10½-4½d.; Courtaulds, 53/1½-1½d.; Elec. and Musical, 27/3-4½d.; Harrods, 53/--1/-; Int. Nickel, 37⅛+⅛; Morris, 43/3+3d.; Triplex, 37/--6d.; Watney, 79/3+6d.; Woolworth, 59/-+1½d.

MINES—Brakpan, 22/6-7½d.; Chartered, 27/10½+4½d.; Cons. Diamond, 34/9-3d.; "Johnnies," 58/9-7½d.; Rho. Anglo, 17/3-3d.; Venterspost, 31/3-7½d.; Vogels, 26/3-7½d..

OILS — Anglo-Iranian, 110/-+7½d.; Mexican Eagle 10/7½-1½d.

RUBBERS—Rubber Trust, 18/3-3d.; Utd. Sua Betong, 23/6-3d.

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Belfast's High Infantile Mortality

OF 554 infant deaths in Belfast, recently investigated, 286, or more than half, occurred in maternity hospitals or other institutions. This is one of the facts which emerge from research work on this subject done by Dr. J. Deeny and Dr. E. T. Murdock, which they embodied in a paper read to the Statistical Society in Dublin, and now available in printed form.

"How serious is the (general) situation," they say, "can be appreciated from the fact that for every thousand born in Belfast, any number between 85 and 120 will die. In some years one baby in every eight dies during the first year of life. Apart from the senseless waste of life due to these deaths, the sorrow and misery, the sadness and broken hopes following the loss of these children, demand consideration as a great cause of human suffering."

The investigation was carried out during 1941-'42, and it excluded deaths from air-raids or hardships resulting from previous air-raids. For purposes of comparison the investigators also collected details of 477 children, who had survived the first year of life. They found in the mortality group that respiratory infections, gastro-enteritis, and prematurity were responsible for two-thirds of the deaths, gastro-enteritis being specially prevalent in the poorer districts.

Certain dispensary areas showed an unduly heavy mortality rate, and it was found that that was associated with a larger number of people with smaller incomes and

"We are not able," says the paper, "to give an accurate forecast of the type of child likely to die, but it is possible to say that deaths are mainly confined to certain districts; that children who die are in the lower income groups; that they exist in smaller and more crowded houses; and that they are not so well breast-fed. We can state that illnesses, which look serious from the commencement, occurring in children under the age of six months, are not only likely to be serious, but very probably will end fatally. Also, it is plain that the poorer the child the more likely it is to contract serious illness, and, therefore, the more likely to die."

Among the suggestions made in the paper are the following: that service of trained nurses be instituted to attend cases of serious illness among children in their homes; that it should be possible to integrate the family doctor into a complete maternity and child welfare service; that he should be aided by a consultant service of specialists; that there should be education on the value of breast-feeding and also an expansion of the present meals-for-expectant-mothers scheme.

The tables given with the paper show that of the 554 infant deaths 106 were between the ages of 6 and 12 months, 108 between 3 and 6 months, and 57 between 2 and 3 months.

Dublin Shock for Belfast Gael

A Belfast Gaelic Leaguer has been saying bitter things about Dublin, which, it seems, he visited at a week-end.

He says that though he became disillusioned and suspicious at finding that Irish was not the spoken language in the street, he was in no way prepared for the shock he received in the G.P.O., where an official was unable to serve him with a stamp through Irish. He left Dublin in disgust. Next day in Belfast G.P.O. a counter-hand wearing a gold Fainne badge, cheerfully supplied his wants through Irish, he states.

An *Irish Times* reporter, who asked for a stamp in Irish at Dublin G.P.O. yesterday was served without delay, and he was told that virtually all the counter-hands are expert Gaelic speakers.

Trader's Trial Fixed.—Tuesday, March 14th, was fixed as the date of trial in the Special Criminal Court, Dublin, of Thomas Lennon, a trader, of Elphin, Co. Roscommon, who is charged with 54 offences in connection with tea, sugar, candles, clothing, footwear, cigarettes and cycle tyres. The accused man was allowed out on his own bail of £1,000, with two independent sureties of £500 each.

Archbishop's Reminiscences Of Irish Visit

HOW Archbishop Spellman of New York used Cardinal MacRory's fish to point a moral is told in an account of his visit to Northern Ireland which the Archbishop wrote for an American publication. He was visiting the Cardinal on a Friday. The Cardinal had invited all the Bishops of Northern Ireland for luncheon, and was fortunate enough to secure a fish so large that it reminded Monsignor Spellman of one he had seen mounted in a case in a friend's office at home.

Apparently the Northern Pressmen were admitted to the dining-room before the luncheon began. The Archbishop relates that they asked him a great many questions, which, he says, "no human being could successfully and helpfully answer, and he respectfully declined the opportunity either to be quoted or misquoted."

When they persisted with their questions, the Archbishop says, "I pointed to the fish on the platter and told them of the mounted fish back home with its significant label, which read: 'If I had kept my mouth shut, I wouldn't be here.'"

Archbishop Spellman recalled that he met at the luncheon Dr. Farren, Bishop of Derry, who is the Vicar-Delegate of the United States forces in Northern Ireland. He is "young, zealous, intelligent, alert, and very much interested in the spiritual welfare of our troops," says Mgr. Spellman.

WELCOMED

He also tells how "the Governor of Northern Ireland, the Duke of Abercorn, had most courteously welcomed me to North Ireland," and also tells of the cordial welcomes given him by Mr. de Valera, Archbishop McQuaid, of Dublin, and the Nuncio Apostolic, Mgr. Robinson.

"I reflected," he adds, "upon the contrast in the hospitality with which I was received in Ireland and the way my two great-grandmothers and my grandparents left their homeland, impoverished and famished, herded like cattle in the hull of a sailing vessel. To America they gave every ounce of their strength and all their hearts' gratitude and devotion. From America they received opportunities to make homes and bring up children, teaching them love of God and country and obedience to God's Commandments and our country's laws."

Residential Ban on Barmen

Refused renewal of their residence permits, a number of Eire barmen working in Northern Ireland took up other work and were granted the renewal. Some returned home, and others have since been granted permits. The barmen were not told why the renewal was refused, the regulations stating that in no circumstances would reasons be given for refusal either to grant or renew permits, which are valid for six months. Stating that there was a danger of bars being short-staffed, the Barmen's Union vigorously protested against the refusal.

Belfast Chemists' New Lines

Four or five Belfast chemists' shops are carrying new lines. They have become slightly Americanised. Bottles of lemonade, orange crush and substitutes for ice cream have taken their place beside pills, cough mixtures and cosmetics. High stools and chairs have been provided for customers. The assistants have become the Belfast equivalent of soda jerks.

Dairy Shorthorn Cup Awards

Following are results of the challenge cup competitions of the Irish Dairy Shorthorn Breeders' Society. Desart Cup for best dairy shorthorn heifer in 45 weeks' lactation period—Winner, Rev. P. Higgins, P.P., Shannonbridge, Ballinasloe, with Red Rose; reserve, Michael Murphy, Gurteenroe, Macroom, with Rose Maria. McCarthy Cup for best dairy shorthorn cow—J. Hastings, Friarstown House, Co. Limerick, with Friarstown Collie; reserve, Thomas Scott, Ballintubber, Kanturk, with Beauty.

Belfast Theatre Group Visiting Dublin

In the week beginning June 6th the Belfast Group Theatre will pay its first visit to Dublin, where they will put on one play at the Abbey Theatre, writes an *Irish Times* representative.

When I saw Mr. Ernest Blythe, Managing Director of the Abbey, yesterday, he expressed great interest in the Group Theatre's visit. The play has not yet been decided upon, but I believe that Mr. Joseph Tomelty, the Group's actor - playwright - producer, has already submitted one of his own for the Abbey Board's consideration.

"I have a particular interest in the Group," said Mr. Blythe. "For a long time we have been putting on North of Ireland plays down here—Rutherford Mayne, St. John Irvine, George Shiels, and so on—but all these plays have been played by what you might call Southern actors. I shall be greatly interested to see how the native Group Theatre handles such material. Unfortunately, we maintain no connection with them in the ordinary way. This will be our first opportunity to compare their work with our own."

I asked him about Mr. Tomelty's play. "It's grand, vigorous stuff," said Mr. Blythe, "full of punch and ideas. Of course, I can't say, at the moment, whether it will be accepted or not, until the Board gives its decision."

In any case, the Group Theatre Players probably will enjoy the holiday away from its own Ulster Hall. I am told that the players have the utmost difficulty in making themselves heard above the strains of the dance band that plays in its immediate vicinity.

Belfast Girl Chosen as Hollywood Star

Belfast has provided the newest recruit to Hollywood stardom. Angela Lansbury, 18 years old daughter of Belfast-born Moyna MacGill, has been chosen for the leading feminine *rôle* in "The Picture of Dorian Gray," the film adaptation of Oscar Wilde's novel, which goes into production shortly with Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer.

Miss Lansbury, who went to Hollywood some three years ago with a group of school children, has already appeared in a film—the recently completed "Gaslight," with Charles Boyer and Ingrid Bergmann. She had to get permission from the Los Angeles Courts before she could sign the contract, and now she is well on her way, starting at a salary of $500 a week.

Moyna MacGill is well known in Belfast, being the daughter of the late Mr. William McIldowie, of the firm of solicitors, George McIldowie and Sons, Corn Market. As Miss Chattie McIldowie she was a familiar figure at dances and social functions, before she went on the London stage, where she appeared with the late Sir Gerald du Maurier in such well-known plays as "Dear Brutus" and "Interference." It was after the latter that she left England for Canada with her children on the outbreak of war.

Not only from her mother does Miss Lansbury inherit her acting talent. Her grandfather, Mr. McIldowie, was well-known in Belfast theatrical circles. His uncle, Robert Mantell, the American actor, was famous for his performances in Shakespearian repertoire.

It may interest friends of the family to learn that Angela and her mother and brothers are all living together in Hollywood in a house that once belonged to Flora Robson, the screen star.

Indian Arrests

The Government of India suffered its first defeat of the Parliamentary session yesterday, when a motion censuring it for the misapplication of Defence of India Rules in the provinces, and for interference with the administration of justice by arresting lawyers defending accused people in political cases, was carried in the Central Assembly by one vote —43 to 42.—(Reuter.)

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MR. W. L. STEPHENSON'S STATEMENT

THE thirty-fifth annual general meeting of F. W. Woolworth and Co., Ltd., will be held on 18th February, 1944, at the Connaught Rooms, Great Queen street, London, W.C.2. The following is the statement of the Chairman (Mr. W. L. Stephenson) circulated with the report and accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1943:—

Following war-time practice, I am including my very few comments with the directors' report and accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1943. This is the fifth annual general meeting of the company since the war commenced, and conditions in the retail distributing trade certainly showed no improvement in the past year. The strictest stringency in labour and material is still necessary in the national interests, and the retailer is limited in his business (whether small or large) by quotas.

We can feel some satisfaction, therefore, that, in spite of shrinkage of personnel and curtailment of supplies of goods, the Board can place before you an accounting such as this. All things considered, we may be well content.

The falling-off of profit can be mainly attributed to lack of merchandise. We, like others, could readily sell goods in short supply. A whole month's quota will sell in one hour, which indicates the extent of the commodity hunger which remains to be satisfied when better times come along.

Net profit for the year is £3,203,654—which is £496,168 less than that of the previous year—a drop of 8.70 per cent. The final dividend is 1s. 6d. per unit, making 2s. per unit for the year, against 2s. 6d. per unit for the previous year. The carry-forward will be £7,232,840, which is an increase of £156,060.

POST-WAR RESTORATION.

I have often stressed the Board's conviction that this general reserve, or surplus, should be sustained, and now, having regard to the company's probable post-war activities, I am sure that your action through the years in agreeing to the retention of profits to build up this important sum will be rewarded.

When the company has come through the long period of this struggle, with all its necessary restrictions, the great paucity of men and goods, we shall face an enormous task. The stores are sadly under-staffed, and stocked with such goods as are available in these times. Even the fixtures are in a condition we would not normally tolerate. It is going to be a gigantic job to re-equip ourselves with the kind of buildings, fitments, merchandise and personnel to put the Woolworth Stores in their right standing in post-war retail distribution.

With this brief picture you can readily see that we need accumulated reserves of money—that there will be jobs for our men and women when they are released from the Services, and we shall need desperately the energies and ambitions of the younger trained Woolworth people. There is a great future for them, and we shall welcome them.

The reserve for buildings stands in the balance sheet at £1,350,000, and will become £1,600,000 if you agree to the current appropriation of £250,000. This considerable sum has been set aside from profits during the past ten years, and I trust we shall soon be in a position to use it effectively.

The balance sheet records the company's assets much as before, leasehold buildings and fixtures and fittings having suffered normal depreciation, as set out in the profit and loss account.

The stock on hand is lower by £1,568,358, whilst cash in hand, at £7,352,419, is £2,489,438 higher. This condition can, to some extent, be attributed to a drastic elimination of doubtful merchandise from our stocks. It is the board's policy to aim at passing into the post-war period with a minimum of war-time productions, and so be in a condition to revert to goods of proper Woolworth quality and intrinsic value.

I would pay a tribute to the staff. They have done fine work in conditions of considerable difficulty. I, personally, have a great admiration for the steady way they have carried on, especially the older experienced people, on whom the burden of responsibility has been heavy. They, I can well understand, will welcome the day when their younger colleagues return and they are freed from the many restrictions and inadequacies with which they now have to contend.

It will be the wish of the stockholders, I am sure, to join with the Board in recording lively appreciation of the good work done by the staff of all grades.

FOOD AND PRODUCE MARKETS

DUBLIN CATTLE—Just 2,996 head of cattle came on the market this week, being an increase of 528 on previous gathering. The show of bullocks and heifers was well up to standard in quality, and included much larger numbers of heifers, and local victuallers found no difficulty in filling their wants, but real tip-top quality formed only a small proportion of supplies, and where found firm to dearer rates were parted. The bullock trade, on the whole, ruled slow, and, although it was difficult to see any change in values over the week, the tendency was downward. Best heifers 65/- to 66/6, useful sorts 61/- to 64/-, best bullocks 62/- to 64/-, heavy and rougher 58/- to 61/-; young cows 48/- to 58/-, secondary 40/- to 46/-, aged and lean 35/- to 39/-, and bulls 46/- to 53/- per live cwt. As compared with corresponding market last year, prices show an increase of 2/- to 3/6 per cwt.

SHEEP—There was a substantial increase in supplies here this week, numbers totalling 3,846 head, or 528 more than last day. The extra numbers to deal with did not detract from trade, which, if anything, ran in a steadier groove, while nice ewes were harder to buy. There was a good clearance effected at—Best wethers 1/7 to 1/8, fancy hoggets 1/8½, secondary 1/5½ to 1/6; nice ewes 1/4 to 1/4½, and rougher 1/2½ to 1/3 per lb.

DAIRY CATTLE — There were 220 milch cows and springers on market. Buyers in fair attendance, but cautious mood, and from opening owners were obliged to accept less money in an effort to clear. Best cows and heifers £35 to £45, seconds £30 to £34, others £20 to £28 per head.

PIGS—On offer 660 head, or 64 less than last week. Trade ruled rather disappointing throughout and prices suffered a further set-back at—Prime light to medium weight hogs 160/- to 170/-, heavier 145/- to 155/-; sows 100/- to 110/- per cwt., slips and bonhams 55/- to 105/- each.

LIMERICK CATTLE MARKET.—The entry at this market, which was the opening spring sale, was seasonable; cows on offer had fair selling trade. Best incalf and calved dairy cows £22 10/- to £25, best incalf heifers £24 to £27 5/-. Stores—Trade again quiet; two-year-old bullocks £14 10/- to £17, two-year-old heifers £15 15/- to £17. Weanlings, heifers, best £9 10/- to £11 7/-, best bullocks £8 2/- to £9 12/-.

GLASGOW (MERKLANDS).—During the period February 1st to 8th Irish cattle landed here totalled 1,541. All were stores and were passed on to feeders. Details: 407 from Dublin, 37 from Cork, 966 from Belfast, 139 from Derry; 52 pigs also received from Derry.

EDINBURGH.—Good show store cattle met fair demand. Black polled bullocks £27 to £37, coloured polled bullocks £35 to £40, black polled stirks £25 10/- to £28 10/-, coloured polled stirks £27. Best milk cows £56 to £64, others £38 to £44.

DUBLIN FISH—Supplies included 130 boxes from one trawler, 33 salmon, 6 lots lobsters, and a small amount from country senders. Demand fair at—Lobsters 23/- to 59/- per 13, salmon 3/3 to 3/7, soles, black 1/- to 3/6; turbot 1/9 to 2/6, brill 2/- to 2/10 per lb., plaice 60/- to 120/-, dabs 18/- to 30/-, whiting 27/- to 104/-, cod 50/- to 120/-, codling 40/- to 90/-, ray 35/- to 60/-, hake (small) 55/- to 80/-, conger eels 30/-, white soles 113/-, pollock 85/-, monkfish 80/-, and gurnard 30/- box of 6 to 7 stone.

DUBLIN VEGETABLE.—Small mid-week supply met a quiet demand at—Savoy cabbage, large 12/- to 24/-, small 6/- to 10/- load; swedes 2/- to 3/-, mangolds 2/-, onions 20/- to 39/6 per cwt., carrots 4/- to 8/-, parsnips 5/- to 6/- bag, and parsley 6d. to 1/- chip.

DUBLIN POTATO—Market firm at—Tipperary Dates and Champions 10/6, Kerr's Pinks and Spry's Abundance 10/-, and Banners 9/- per cwt. ex store.

MANCHESTER SALMON, GAME & DEAD POULTRY.—Limited supplies of Irish salmon quickly cleared at 4/6 lb. Pheasants quoted: cock 7/6, hen 6/9 each; grouse 9/6, partridge 8/6 brace; fowls, chickens, ducks and geese 1/9; turkeys 2/9 lb.; brown hares 7/6, others 4/6 each; rabbits 11½d. lb. wholesale (control prices).

GRIMSBY FISH.—Haddocks, sprags, codling, whiting, coalfish and cod 6/5, heads on; lemon soles and plaice 15/6, halibut 21/6, smoked haddocks 13/-, smoked fillets 16/6 per stone.

Drop in Butter Stocks

There was 109,102 cwt. of butter in all public cold stores in Eire on January 31st, 1944, a decrease of 18,595 cwt. on the amount in storage a fortnight earlier.

From January 16th to 31st the production of creamery butter was approximately 2,960 cwt. Public cold stores did not receive any creamery butter. Withdrawals amounted to 14,491 cwt.

STORE CATTLE SALES

Ganly and Sons—Good demand and higher prices for best lots. Best bullocks £37 to £50, with one exceptional lot of Hereford crossed horned bullocks £44 7/6, and one lot of Hereford cross pollies £39 5/-; best heifers £30 to £23, many other bullocks and heifers £29 10/- to £20, younger classes £19 to £12.

Craigie Bros.—The majority of cattle, particularly Hereford cross and polled bullocks, met a dearer trade. Best bullocks £37 10/- to £30, others £29 10/- to £24, best heifers £28 10/- to £23, younger stock £22 10/- to £12.

Gavin Low, Ltd.—Balbriggan (Monday)—Smaller show, improved quality and improved demand. Fat bullocks and heifers £26 to £37, store bullocks and heifers £16 to £24, milch cows and springers £26 to £36.

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(a) TRALEE—IN THE ... EXCHANGE, PEMBR... TUESDAY, 15th ... 1944, AT 11... GROCERY and PROV... and GROCERY ... TRADE in TRALEE. WEDNESDAY, 16th ... 1944, AT 3.3... DRAPERY, BOOTS ... TRADES, and the BO... RETAIL TRADE in T...
(b) KILLARNEY—IN ... SOUTHERN ... THURSDAY, 17th ... 1944. 11.0 A.M.—MOTOR ... GARAGE PROPRI... KILLARNEY. 3.30 P.M.—GROCERY ... LICENSED ... TRADES in CASTLE... FRIDAY, 18th FEBR... 10.30 A.M.—VICTUA... in CASTLEISLAND. 11.45 A.M.—BAKER... CASTLEISLAND. 2.30 P.M.—DRAPERY ... TRADES in CASTLEI...
(c) MULLINGAR—IN ... EXCHANG... MONDAY, 21st FEBR... AT 2.0 ... BAKERY TRADE—M...
(d) TUAM—IN IMPERIA... TUESDAY, 22nd ... 1944. 3.45 P.M.—HARDW... TUAM. 4.45 P.M. — BRE... FECTIONERY TRAD... WEDNESDAY, 23rd ... 1944. 10.0 A.M.—GROCERY ... TRADE—TUAM. 12.30 P.M.—DRAPER... ALLIED TRADES—T...
(e) SLIGO—IN ... EMPLO... CHANGE, THOMAS ... THURSDAY, 24th ... 1944, AT 2... BAKERY TRADE—S... Interested parties are in... and submit evidence. Department of Industr... C 9674.
PUBLIC NOT...
ROSCOMMON COUNTY ... APPOINTMENT OF ... ENGINEER. The County Manager inv... for the position of Temp... Engineer to supervise ro... works in the Arigna area ... common. Remuneration will be at ... 5/- per week. The period ... will be for approximately 6... may be terminated by one ... any time prior to the ex... period. Applicants must have ... Engineering from a recogn... or its equivalent. Special consideration wi... applicants with practical ex... construction work. Applications, with copies ... in sealed envelopes, endo... Engineer, Arigna Roads," ... the County Manager, sh... office of the undersigned ... Monday, 21st February, 1... (By Order). J. KILMARTIN ... Acti... Courthouse, Roscommon ... 8th February, 1944...
CHURCH OF IREL... SOCIETY, ... Educational and Medica... GIFT DAY ... DAWSON H... TO-DAY AT 3.... Address—REV. W. H. ... and BRAINS T...
LEGAL NOT...
NOTICE TO CRE... In the Goods ... THE VERY REV. M... FAHEY, late of K... County of Galway, ... Deceased. All persons having cla... estate of the above-named... died on the 28th day of ... are hereby requested to ... particulars thereof to the ... citor for the Executors. Dated this 7th day of ... (Signed), JOHN C. MUR... Govt. Co. G...
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CINEMA.
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TO-MORROW—Book for Sunday Night.
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SAVOY At 2.35, 5.2, 7.12, 9.22.
SECOND RECORD WEEK!
BETTY GRABLE,
ROBERT YOUNG, ADOLPHE MENJOU
"SWEET ROSIE O'GRADY."

CAPITOL THEATRE
Owing to the indisposition of Mr. Francis Russell, "Lucia di Lammermoor" will not be performed this (Thursday) evening. See evening papers.

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ON THE WIRELESS

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6.30—Records. 7.0—News. 7.15—Records. 7.20—"National Barn-Dance." 8.0—News. 8.15—Kitchen Front. 8.20—Records. 9.0—Light Orchestra. 9.45—Organ. 10.15—"Novelty Box." 10.30—Music While You Work. 11.0—"Record Roundabout". 11.30—Orchestra. 12 noon.—Music by Percy Fletcher. 12.30—Workers' Playtime. 1.0—News. 1.15—Orchestra. 2.0—"Melody Mixture." 2.30—"Close Harmony." 3.0—Music While You Work. 3.30—Band. Radio Reconnaissance. 4.45—Two Pianos. 4.30—Records. 5.0—Music by Tchaikovsky. 5.15—"Navy Mixture." 6.0—News. 6.30—Radio Rhythm Club. 7.0—News from Canada. 7.5—Rag Time Half-Hour. 7.35—"Songs for Everyday." 8.0—Orchestra. 8.40—"Mid-Evening Melodies." 9.0—News. 9.25—"Mail Call." 9.55—Records. 10.0—"Canadian News Roundup." 10.15—"French Cabaret." 10.30—Music While You Work. 11.0—Close down.

LEGAL DIARY

HILARY SITTINGS—Thursday.

THE SUPREME COURT.—(11) Glen Rau, Ltd. v. Lefroy (at hearing).

THE HIGH COURT.—In Court 5, Mr. Justice Overend (11). Summons (at hearing)—McNamee v. Mansfield.

CIRCUIT APPEALS.—In Court 6, Mr. Justice Gavan Duffy (11)—Kelly v. Davis and anor.; Kelly v. Conroy and others.

JURY ACTIONS.—Jurors, Nos. 124 to 249, inclusive, must attend this week. Jurors, Nos. 1 to 123, inclusive, are excused until Monday, February 14th. In Court 1, the President (11)—O'Sullivan Court 1, the President (11)—O'Sullivan v. Neville Bros.; Nolan v. Mitchelstown Co-op. Creamery Co. In Court 2, Mr. Justice Maguire (11.45)—Higgins v. Irish Shipping (at hearing); Lloyd v. Irish Shipping (at hearing). In Court 3, Mr. Justice Haugh (11)—Fecu v. Murphy (at hearing).

LAND COMMISSION COURT.—Land Purchase Acts. At the Courts of Justice, Four Courts, Court No. 2, before the Judicial Commissioner (11). Motions, Judicial Commissioner (11). Motions, at the sitting of the Court—Holding of James Middleton; the National Bank; Francis W. Lynch; Elizabeth McMahon; and many others.

IRISH LAND COMMISSION.—Before Mr. Commissioner O'Neill, Barrister at Law: Mr. Commissioner Dempsey and Mr. Commissioner Herlihy, at 23 Upper Merrion street (11)—Land Act cases.

CIRCUIT CRIMINAL COURT, at Green Street Courthouse, Dublin (11). Jurors, Nos. 151 to 300 must attend.

CIRCUIT COURT OF JUSTICE.—Before Judge Davitt, at the Law Courts, Chancery place (11)—Civil actions.

The Irish Times

THURSDAY, FEB. 10, 1944.

The Nettuno "Beach-head"

Between a fortnight and three weeks ago the Allies made their landings at Nettuno and Anzio, approximately thirty miles from Rome; and the fortune of that adventure hangs in the balance. It was anticipated at the time that nothing could stop an Allied advance upon Rome, and the conviction that the Germans had been taken by surprise was strengthened as day after day passed, and no news arrived of any serious contact between the opposing forces. The original enthusiasm of the British newspapers—which are our best authority for the feeling of the Allied peoples—changed to a mood of doubt, and lately of disquietude. Now those newspapers are asking, more or less openly, if the landing has been a failure. The terrain where the landing took place is suited admirably to offensive action; it is flat country, furnished with excellent roads, differing in every respect from the mountain territory over which most of the Italian campaign has been conducted. Apparently the number and power of the troops landed have not been sufficient to allow for offensive action on a major scale in any direction, and for a week past the occupants of the Allied "beach-head" have been on the defensive. It is believed that Marshal Kesselring has withdrawn additional troops from Northern Italy to cope with what might have been a formidable threat to his rear; but so far this is the only practical result of the landing. The fighting for the "Gustav Line" is as fierce as ever. Cassino remains untaken, and, until it succumbs, the high-road to Rome is denied to General Mark Clark; the British troops on the narrow front adjoining the west coast have made some progress, but every inch of the way must be contested; the Eighth Army continues to do battle for Pescara and the trans-peninsular road to Rome. In effect, the landing at Nettuno has been without effect upon the course of the campaign. What is the probability that the Allies, in face of the heavy fire from the Alban Hills, will contrive to enlarge their "beach-head" and to extend their activities—or, alternatively, that the Germans will make a decisive attempt to dislodge them and to effect what, according to recent news, they just failed to effect at Salerno? It is all but certain that, after a fortnight of preparation and counter-preparation, the decisive battle is ready to begin. Whereas there have been many German counter-attacks, a message this morning from the representative of the British combined Press points out that the Germans have not yet employed their armour "on a big scale." The implication is that it will come into action very soon; and then the real tussle will take place.

Books

When the advisability of establishing in Derry a branch of the county library was discussed last Friday by the Rural Council, Mr. A. J. Irwin said: "People are not reading books at all now. They are reading newspapers. You would not get half-a-dozen reading Dickens." There is an undercurrent of fact in Mr. Irwin's somewhat extravagant remark. Now—more, perhaps, than ever before—men and women are reading the newspapers with attention and thoroughness, but we are faced, indeed, with a calamitous state of affairs if this increased interest in the record of contemporary events tends to create an apathy for literature that has no bearing on things of the present. It must be admitted that a large section of the public is prepared to buy a topical novel of negligible or, at best, temporary importance in preference to a book of the type which has, rather unfortunately, been labelled "classic." Some literature of significance reasonably may be expected to emerge from the war, but tragically little work of real merit has been apparent so far. This fact makes it particularly regrettable that the sale of books which have met with the approval of generations of our forefathers is suffering. It is interesting that Mr. Irwin has singled out Dickens for reference as an example of the kind of author for whom the reading public of to-day seems to have little use. If this is true of Dickens, it must be doubly true of Scott and Thackeray; for of this great trinity Dickens generally is regarded as the most readable. His gigantic richness of characterisation and his unbounded enthusiasm for the art of living commend his works to the majority of those who take the trouble to read them. If the casual reader of to-day ignores the books of Dickens and his contemporaries, he both is ignoring an almost limitless source of pleasure and is denying the next generation a literary background of incomparable warmth and richness.

Beards to Come

Mr. Vernon Bartlett has warned the President of the Board of Trade that, unless something is done in the near future to improve the supply of razor blades to civilians, members of the British Parliament will be appearing in the House with large and bushy beards. It may not be an entirely good thing if the Board of Trade pays heed to Mr. Bartlett's implied protest. A beard lends an air of dignity and sagacity to the most fatuous of men, and a trite remark, when issuing slowly and ponderously from a hirsute face sounds full of weight and wisdom. Members of Parliament who wish to impress the man in the street hardly could do better than to retire to the privacy of a country village and emerge a few months later with a healthy and well-developed "chest-warmer." The weeks of retirement would be absolutely indispensable; for, if the M.P.'s constituents were to see his beard while it was still in the futile and embarrassing stage of incubation, they would be apt to lose any respect for him that they might have entertained previously. In this country, razor blades, although still procurable theoretically, can be obtained only at the cost of a great deal of persuasion and diplomacy. If the day dawns when they become completely unobtainable, we may find the most prosaic banks and insurance offices staffed by gentlemen who look as if they were left-over "extras" engaged by Mr. Laurence Olivier for the Powerscourt season. The effect on the nation's *moral* ought to be beneficial in the extreme. Perhaps the exigencies of war are destined to bring by this circuitous route increased self-esteem and prestige to the manhood of these islands. If the surmise proves accurate, we cannot resent any temporary inconvenience that the bloom of our beards may bring upon us.

THE Countess of Kenmare, who has been staying at Killarney, has returned to London.

The Hon. M. Crofton has arrived in Dublin from London.

Major and Mrs. McCalmont, who have arrived in Dublin from Mount Juliet, Thomastown, Co. Kilkenny, are staying at the Shelbourne Hotel.

Captain and Mrs. Poer O'Shee have arrived in Dublin from Dungannon, Co. Tyrone.

Mrs. P. Herdman is staying in Dublin

A marriage has been arranged, and will take place in April, between Vivian Roger, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Bishop, of Sheepcote, Clifford, Herefordshire, and Hazel Patricia, eldest daughter of the late Major C. M. Duncan, M.C., R.F.A., and the Honble. Mrs. Duncan, of Garnafailagh, Athlone, Co. Westmeath, and granddaughter of the Right Honble. Robert Arthur, 6th Baron Castlemaine.

The engagement is announced between Dr. Vincent E. J. Davidson, M.Sc., A.I.C., youngest son of the late Mr. William Davidson and Mrs. Davidson, of Roseville, 12 Prospect road, Glasnevin, Dublin, and Renée (B.Sc., H.Dip. in Ed.), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Kelly, of Bromehill House, Kilrush, Co. Clare.

The engagement is announced between Reginald L. O'Hare, second son of the late Edward O'Hare and Mrs. A. O'Hare, Idrone terrace, Blackrock, and Brenda, youngest daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Smyth, Belgrave square, Monkstown.

U.C.D. Medical Society Annual Dance, Gresham Hotel, Thursday, 17th Feb. Tickets, 12/6, from A. MacA. Blayney, Hon. Treasurer, 29 Ailesbury road.

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At her wedding, Miss Roche, The Bungalow, Inchicore, wore a beautiful Ivory Velvet Gown, cut on simple lines, and embroidered with crystal beads. Her tulle veil was held in place by a Tudor Velvet Head-dress. Going away she wore a Tahiti and Ice Blue Ensemble, with Camel Travel Coat. Trousseau by Marjorie Boland.

Mrs. Roche, Matron of Honour, and Miss McCann, Bridesmaid, wore charming Air Mail Blue frocks, with chic little hats to match, by Marjorie Boland.

Miss Kennedy, Borris-in-Ossory, at her wedding, wore a smart Navy Wool Two-piece, and, going away, a Rust Travel Coat by Marjorie Boland.

At her wedding, Miss Betty Ryan, Limerick, wore a chic Royal Blue and Wine Ensemble, and, going away, a smart Cherry Frock under Beaver Fur Coat. Complete Trousseau by Marjorie Boland.

Miss Carmel Curran, Galway, for her wedding, chose a dainty Turquoise Two-piece by Marjorie Boland.

Miss Devine, Enniskerry, wore, at her wedding, a smart Duck Egg Blue Tailored Suit by Marjorie Boland.

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IRISH WILLS

Charles Richard Rawdon St. George Whyte, Newtown Manor, Sligo—£12,143 (Eire); James Joseph Mooney, Grosvenor square, Rathmines—£3,331 (Eire); Joseph Michael Campbell, Haigh terrace, Dun Laoghaire—£3,174 (Eire); James Shevlin, Corcuillogue, Co. Monaghan—£1,444 (Eire); James Clarke, labourer, who died in South Dublin Union, left £1,303 (Eire); John Joseph Eaken, Cordrummans, Lower Donaghmoyne, Carrickmacross—£5,777 (Britain); Charles Fox, 115 South Circular road, Dublin — £2,700 (Britain), and Richard Maurice Dooley, 74 Eglinton road, Donnybrook, Dublin—£4,895 (Britain).

Thomas Lyons Harrington, Rockfort, Sandycove, Co. Dublin, £31,818 (Eire); Juliana M. Alexander, 12 Waterloo road, Dublin, £5,046 (Eire); Thomas Edmond Beckett, Villiers road, Rathgar, Dublin, £2,889 (Eire); Denis Joseph Rath, Clogherhead, Louth, £2,515 (Eire); Miss Hannah Tighe, Corporation Buildings, Bride street, Dublin, £2,109 (Eire).

DEATH.

GEELAN—February 9, 1944, at his residence, Ardavon, 112 Cregagh road, Belfast, John Geelan, District Inspector, Royal Irish Constabulary (retired). Deeply regretted by his sorrowing family. Funeral to-morrow (Friday), at 2.30 p.m., to Knockbreda Cemetery. House private. No flowers.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

TAXATION

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES

SIR,—I see that Sir Valentine Grace, quoting the Minister for Finance, has brought up our old friend, "the limit of taxation." I wish someone would tell me what this limit is, and what awful catastrophe happens when it is overstepped. Do the columns of the Bank of Ireland reel? Does the sheeted ghost of Adam Smith squeak and gibber on the Stock Exchange?

The idea of a limit of taxation probably dates from the time when money was raised entirely by levies on particular commodities. It is easy to see that if one goes on taxing wool, for instance, there will come a point where people will clothe themselves in cotton or silk, and an increase in the wool tax will bring an actual decrease in the revenue; while if one taxes an irreplaceable article like bread there will come a point where any increase in the tax will lead to a revolution. But neither of these limits apply to income tax—the chief prop and stay of present-day Governments. Evasion will increase, and some rich people will leave the country; but, with an efficient Inland Revenue Department and a determined Government, there is no doubt that an increase in the income tax rate will always bring an increase in revenue.

Nor will there be any harmful effects on the national economy, as long as the money is economically spent on necessary services. Some tax increases are, from a national viewpoint, completely without significance. Suppose, for instance, that the State takes over a hospital which has previously been financed by charity. No changes are made in the running of the hospital; the expenditure on it, and the services rendered by it, are the same as before. Consequently, no extra burden has been imposed on the community as a whole. But whereas formerly the cost was borne by charitable people, in proportion to their wealth and benevolence, now the cost is borne by the taxpayers, charitable and uncharitable alike, in proportion to their income. Thus the only point that can be argued is whether it is right that the uncharitable should be obliged to contribute.

Taxation is important, mainly as a means of redistributing purchasing power. The tendency of the economic system is always to make the rich richer; the State skims off some of this surplus wealth and returns it to the poorer classes through the social services, thus attempting to preserve an equilibrium.

Or, rather, that was what used to happen. Now, Sir Valentine Grace informs us, there are no more rich people. The officials of the Super-tax Division of the Inland Revenue Department spend all their time playing pitch-and-toss. Ailesbury road is a crumbling ruin; Dame street is a desert, and the shivering wretches huddled in the Shelbourne and Gresham Hotels are only waiting for the allocation of Corporation houses in Drimnagh.—Yours, etc.,

J. Scher-G. F. Darrow.

1 Seaview terrace, Donnybrook, Dublin, February 7th, 1944.

"LA BOHEME" AT CAPITOL

The Dublin Operatic Society's presentation of Puccini's "La Bohème" at the Capitol Theatre, Dublin, last night was on a very high plane. In the title rôle, Elena Danieli gave a movingly sympathetic study of the luckless seamstress. Hers was a grand piece of character acting, supported by artistic singing, especially in the last scene. Frank Ryan, making his first appearance of the week, was very successful as the poet Rudolph. His is extraordinary what a fascination there is about that tenor voice of his, with its appealing huskiness and reserves of power.

The other three Bohemians were grandly drawn—Reginald Morphew singing and acting forcefully as the temperamental painter, Marcel; Jack Hartewell, in the character of the philosopher, Colline; and Leo Maguire, adding life and colour as the singer, Schaunard. In the lighter moments at the opening of the first act, and again in the early part of the last act, they created a delightfully happy-go-lucky atmosphere. Ceinwen Rowlands completed a good team by her performance as the coquette Musetta. She sang the familiar Musetta aria quite well, and later made much of the quarrel with Marcel in the third act—though this interlude was played too far back up stage and rather upset the balance in the quartet.

A special word of praise to the chorus for carrying off the tricky Café Momus scene so well—they were always right on the beat.

Arthur Hammond conducted, and scored his points very effectively. He had a splendid leader of the orchestra in Terry O'Connor.

BELFAST PLAYERS TO VISIT ABBEY

Belfast Group Theatre Players will pay their first visit to Dublin next June, when they are to stage one piece at the Abbey Theatre. The play has not yet been decided upon, but it is understood that Mr. Joseph Tomelty, the Group's actor-playwright, has submitted one of his own for consideration of the Abbey directorate.

Mr. Ernest Blythe, Managing Director of the Abbey, describes Mr. Tomelty's play as "grand, vigorous stuff," but he could not state whether it will be accepted or not until the Board has decided.

FLORENTINE PAINTERS

The intellectual side of Renaissance art had been best expressed by the Florentine painters, said Mr. Eric Newton at Alexandra College, Dublin, yesterday, giving the second of a series of lectures on "Painters of the Italian Renaissance."

The curve of Florentine art, began with Giotto in the fourteenth century, reached a peak in his work, then declined, reached another peak with Masaccio, sagged again, and then rose to the supreme peak in the work of Leonardo da Vinci, Michelangelo and Raphael. It was Giotto who had broken with the traditions of mediæval art and begun the series of discoveries about the physical world, which characterised the Florentine school. The point of view of the school was the intellectual one.

The Venetian school, which expressed the materialistic or sensuous side of the Renaissance, could never have come into being had it not been for the Florentines constructing this intellectual world, which could then be explored.

THE PORT OF CORK

The story of the port of Cork was told by Dr. Liam O'Sullivan to members of the Maritime Institute of Ireland at 8 Merrion square, Dublin, last night. Beginning with the second century A.D., Dr. O'Sullivan said that very little was known about the the River Dabrona until the coming of Finbar in the early seventh century, when the saint established a settlement south of it. After Finbar came the Norse, who ultimately became absorbed with the succeeding Anglo-Normans, and eventually were the principal ruling families in the city.

Fatal Cycling Accident—Death from head injuries, caused by an accidental fall from a bicycle, was the verdict at an inquest in Kildare on Michael Murphy (60), for the past 27 years principal of Lackagh, Monasterevin National school.

ART EXHIBITION

It is a good thing for a young artist to study the work of his older contemporaries, and there is no harm in his betraying the influence of his studies in his work, provided it is also clear that what he is working towards is a clearer statement of his own view of things. Mr. Maurice Wilks, an exhibition of whose paintings was opened at the Victor Waddington Galleries yesterday, is not afraid to let his work acknowledge a debt to other Irish artists of to-day, but it is far more evident than in any of his previous exhibitions that he is striving successfully to work out a personal attitude of mind and a personal technique. As he works almost entirely in terms of representational landscape, he has set himself a particularly difficult task. But he is getting to a point where he can convince us not merely that he can transfer the superficial appearance of Kerry or Donegal on to canvas but also that his Kerry and his Donegal are in some particular or particulars more beautiful than the Kerry and Donegal that we take so easily for granted, as seen and understood visually and humanly.

In other words, a more subjective, a more personal note is coming into his work. Snow would seem to have helped him to state it most clearly. Thus a perception that is more refined upon than usual marks his "Donegal Winter" and "Winter in Connemara" here. It is particularly notable in the latter, where the foreground is not, as in so much landscape art, a mere taking-off ground for a pictorial effect that begins halfway up the canvas. In this picture the foreground is worked over and integrated into a colour harmony that fills the whole canvas.

Personal experiment in others of the exhibits is more episodical, but in a roof in "Killyleigh," in a passage of water flecked with sunshine in "Sunlit Cove," Co. Kerry," we may perceive shy, but successful, efforts to master a more impressionist method. And in "Reflections, Belfast Lough," an attempt to apply the impressionist technique throughout an entire work produces a result on which the artist may be congratulated; as he may also be congratulated on "Dockland Study," where the light beyond the doorway is stated with dramatic effect, though the more pure colour in the framework of the doorway would seem to be called for. The shadows here seem unnecessarily neutral. For the rest, the 27 exhibits include many that reveal Mr. Wilks's capacity for broad and effective statement in reference both to the contours of the Irish landscape and to the atmosphere that gives it its quality.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

£150 Theft Charge.—Joseph Zolki (24), Clarence road, Harold's Cross, was remanded for a further week, on bail, in the Dublin District Court yesterday, on a charge of stealing £150 by means of a trick.

Farmer Cyclist Killed. — With the front fork of his bicycle broken, John Phelan (55), farmer, Sporthouse, Co. Waterford, was found lying unconscious at his home. He was brought to Waterford Infirmary, where he was found to be dead on admission.

Embezzlement Charges. — Denis J. Clancy, 22 Rathfadden Villas, Waterford, clerk, employed by the G.S.,R. in Waterford, was, at a Special Court in Waterford yesterday, remanded on bail, charged with embezzling £43 and £209, moneys received by him for and on account of his employers.

Convent Centenary.—The centenary of the foundation of the Convent of Mercy, Kells, Co. Meath, was celebrated yesterday, when the Most Rev. Dr. Dalton, Bishop of Meath, presided at High Mass in St. Columkille's Church. The sermon-brant was the Rev. M. Ryan, C.C., Kells.

Rings Valued at £1,200.—Hessel Wine (47), Grosvenor road, Rathmines was remanded for a week, on bail, in the Dublin District Court yesterday on a charge of stealing diamond, emerald and sapphire rings, valued at £1,292, the property of Messers. Louis Wine and Co., Ltd., Grafton street, Dublin.

Disease Worse than War.—In a talk to the Cork Rotary Club on Tuesday, Mr. A. Bayne, managing director, of the Irish Assurance Co. said that from 1914 to date war had killed fewer old people than cancer and heart disease, fewer young people than tuberculosis, and fewer children than motor cars.

Resolved Suit Lengths. — George Jacobs, of Harcourt street, Dublin, was found guilty in Dublin Circuit Criminal Court yesterday of receiving 34 suit lengths, value £107, the property of Bazlobolomew Lynch, 62 Lower Camden street, Dublin. He was put back for sentence.

Three Months For Maid. — Amie Dwyer, no fixed abode, stated to be a native of Waterford, against whom there was a previous conviction, was at Cork District Court yesterday given three months' imprisonment for stealing cash and clothing from a house where she had been employed as maid.

Alleged Thefts From Ship. — Three Cork men—James O'Callaghan, Noel Neville, and Patrick Cotter—and John Cullie, a ship's cook, of Glasgow, were remanded on bails at Cork Court, charged with stealing, or alternatively receiving, twelve drums of white lead, value £46, from a Clyde Shipping Co. vessel berthed at Cork.

Nolle Prosequi.—In the Circuit Criminal Court yesterday, before Judge Shannon, a *nolle prosequi* was entered in the case of Mrs. Mary Galvin (50) and Miss Una Gillen (24), shopkeepers of Amiens street, Dublin, who had been returned for trial on charges of receiving tea, brandy, whiskey and champagne value £56. Both were discharged.

Sea Water for Bread-making. — The three keepers isolated for weeks on the Tuskar Rock lighthouse, off the Wexford coast, were again disappointed yesterday. The relief boat, Tern, took on board supplies, but as she was about to go out the sea became so rough that the attempt had to be abandoned. The isolated men are on their emergency rations, augmented by bread made from flour mixed with sea water.

Petrol Theft Charges.—Richard Archbold, mechanic, Errigal road, Crumlin, Martin Byrne, labourer, Iveagh Buildings, and Christopher Fay, Hospital lane, Islandbridge, were returned for trial in the Dublin District Court yesterday, charged with conspiracy and with stealing 530 gallons of petrol, valued at £99, and 15 oil tins, the property of the G.S. Railways Co., from the company's stores at Broadstone. They were also charged with selling the petrol without a licence.

Flag Over Courthouse.—By direction of Judge Wylie, the national flag was flown over Wicklow Courthouse for the opening of the Circuit Court, while the crest of Eire—the harp—has been erected in the recess above his chair.

18 Months' Imprisonment.—Sentencing Thomas Stafford (28), labourer, Bally-kenny Redcross, Co. Wicklow to 18 months' imprisonment with hard labour for offences under the Criminal Law (Amendment) Act, 1935, Judge Fawsitt said that on some counts on which the State had entered a *nolle prosequi* he could have imposed terms of penal servitude. In Co. Wicklow it did not appear to be considered an offence at all for a man to betray a young girl. The only way to stop it was to send guilty people to jail.

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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS

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BIRTHS.

COOMBER—February 2, 1944, at 18 St. Patrick's place, Cork, to Eileen, wife of George A. Coomber, Brookfield House, Cork, a son.

O'CONOR DONELAN—January 31, 1944, at Southampton, to Sheila, wife of Brendan O'Conor Donelan, a daughter.

DEATHS.

BROWNE—February 8, 1944, at the residence of her niece, Mrs. Annie J. Marshall, 99 Collins avenue, Donnycarney, Patience Mary Browne, aged 87 years. Deeply regretted by her loving niece, grand-nephews and grand-nieces. Funeral (private) at Mount Jerome this (Thursday) morning at 12 o'c.

DEXTER—February 8, 1944, at his residence, 18 Green road, Blackrock, Dublin, George Leslie Dexter. Deeply regretted by his sorrowing wife. Funeral to Glasnevin after 10 o'clock Mass to-day (Thursday). No flowers. Masses instead.

DUPUIS—February 9, 1944, at a Dublin nursing home, Marie Louise Dupuis, for 35 years faithful friend of the Laidlaws, Somerton, Castleknock. Funeral private.

FITZPATRICK—February 9, 1944, at her residence, 7 Wesley road, Rathgar, Dublin, Margaret Fitzpatrick. R.I.P. Funeral (private) after 10 o'c. Mass to-morrow (Friday) at Church of the Three Patrons, Rathgar.

HALPIN—January 22, 1944, in a nursing home, Vancouver, B.C., Stopford John, fourth son of the late Dr. and Mrs. Stopford W. Halpin, Arklow.

HEALY—February 8, 1944, at the North Infirmary, Cork, Jeremiah (Jerry) Healy, 11 Glendalough Park, The Lough, Cork. Deeply regretted. R.I.P. Funeral (private) after 10 o'clock Mass to-day (Thursday) to St. Finnbarr's Cemetery. No flowers.

HEFFERNAN — February 9, 1944, Mortimer Heffernan, Lowesgreen, Fethard, aged 99 years. Deeply regretted. R.I.P. Remains will be removed to Rosegreen at 4 p.m. (O.T.) to-day (Thursday). Office and High Mass at 10 o'c. (O.T.) to-morrow (Friday). Funeral to family burial ground, Grange, Knocklofty, immediately afterwards.

MACK—February 9, 1944, at a private nursing home, the Rev. Alfred William Bradshaw Mack, of Strawberry Hill, Dalkey, Chaplain, Rotunda Hospital, Stewart's Hospital and Royal Hospital for Incurables. Deeply regretted. Funeral Service at Rotunda Hospital Chapel to-morrow (Friday), February 11th, at 10 a.m. Funeral immediately afterwards to St. Columba's Churchyard, Swords.

MAYLER—February 9, 1944, at a private nursing home, Wexford, Thomas J. Mayler, Harriestown, Ballymitty, Co. Wexford. R.I.P. Requiem Office and High Mass in Ballymitty Church to-morrow (Friday), 10.30 a.m. (old time). Funeral immediately afterwards to Ballymitty.

MENDELL—February 6, 1944, at 2 Wasdale Park, Terenure, Michael Arthur, aged 3 years, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Mendell. Deeply mourned by his parents, sisters, grandparents, relatives, friends and nurse.

PAYNE—February 8, 1944, at Clifton Lodge, Albert road, Sandycove, Co. Dublin, Jane Bell Payne. Funeral Service 9.30 to-day (Thursday), Christ Church, Dun Laoghaire. Afterwards to Mount Jerome.

ANNOUNCEMENTS received late for this column will be found in Page 3.

MASS NOTICE.

O'DONNELL—There will be Solemn Office and Requiem Mass at St. Andrew's, Westland row, Dublin, to-morrow (Friday), February 11, 1944, at 11 a.m., for the repose of the soul of the late Rev. Michael J. O'Donnell, D.D., B.C.L.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

HILL—The widow and family of the late Robt. Wilson Hill, Cornoray, Drumshambo, Co. Leitrim, wish to return thanks to all those who sent telegrams and messages of sympathy in their recent sad bereavement, also those who attended the funeral, trusting this will be accepted by all in grateful acknowledgment.

Mrs. Potter and family, of 3 Beresford terrace, Arklow, return sincere thanks to all who sympathised with them in their bereavement, especially to the many who sent letters and attended the funeral. They hope this will be accepted in grateful acknowledgment.

IN MEMORIAM.

ABRAHAM—In loving memory of my dear husband, B. S. Abraham, who fell asleep 10th February, 1941. "Until the day break and the shadows flee away."

CRONIN COLTSMANN — Thirteenth Anniversary—In ever-loving memory of my dear mother, Lily Cronin Coltsmann, Mallow, who died February 10th, 1931.—Inserted by her loving son, Frank.

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MORROW—Third Anniversary—In loving memory of Rolly.—Daddy and Mammy.

MORROW—In loving memory of Rolly, February 10th, 1941.—Peggy.

PLANT—In ever-loving remembrance of Jane Plant, who entered into Rest on 10th February, 1943. "In Thy presence is fulness of joy."—Inserted by her husband and family.

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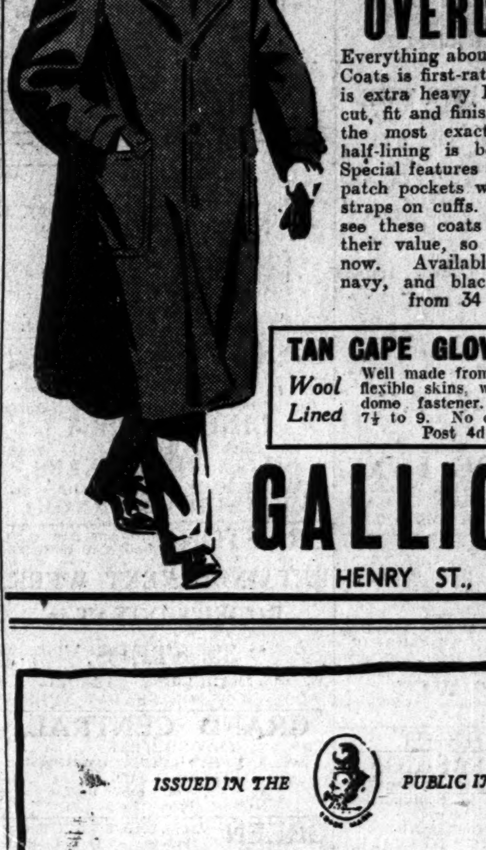

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